

From: Laurel Buckley
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Zielinski, Justin
CC: Spencer Chretien
Subject: RE: ALEC Registration for Representative Kirk Schuring

Great, I'm glad we're able to help.

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Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Laurel Buckley
Cc: Spencer Chretien
Subject: RE: ALEC Registration for Representative Kirk Schuring

Yes, just spoke with Spencer.

Thank you to BOTH of you for your assistance. Rep. Schuring looks forward to being a member!

Have a great rest of the week,

Justin

From: Laurel Buckley [mailto:lbuckley@alec.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Zielinski, Justin <Justin.Zielinski@ohiohouse.gov>
Cc: Spencer Chretien <schretien@alec.org>
Subject: RE: ALEC Registration for Representative Kirk Schuring

Hello Justin, yes I see the attempts you made. I don't believe any of them went through, so his credit card should not be charged. Perhaps it would be easiest to call our membership manager and he can take the payment over the phone and manual process the membership. Would you have time to give Spencer Chretien, cc'ed here, a call at 571-482-5013?

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To: Laurel Buckley

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Thanks for the update, Laurel.

I went to the below site and received a message that said the card declined 4 times but then after waiting some time, it said this was a duplicate request. Just wanted to be sure:
A- that he is now a member of ALEC and B- that he does not get charged multiple times.

Thanks for your continued help.

Justin

From: Laurel Buckley [<mailto:lbuckley@alec.org>]

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:17 AM

To: Zielinski, Justin <Justin.Zielinski@ohiohouse.gov>

Subject: RE: ALEC Registration for Representative Kirk Schuring

Thanks for your email Justin. I looks like his registration DID go through. I think the difficulty you are seeing is that Representative Schuring is not an ALEC member. He will need to join as a member before the meeting in order to receive the reimbursements from ALEC. I am attaching a membership form here. Once we receive this, we will be able to add him to his task force of choice.

If you would prefer, he can also join online here: <https://www.alec.org/membership/>

Does this help? Please let me know if you have any more questions. Best,

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To: Laurel Buckley

Subject: ALEC Registration for Representative Kirk Schuring

Hi Laurel,

I am trying to register my boss, Representative Kirk Schuring for ALEC. Could you provide information on how I might do so?

Thanks,

Justin Zielinski
Senior Legislative Aide
State Representative Kirk Schuring
Speaker Pro Tempore
77 South High Street, 14th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

614-752-2438



From: Rep30
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Rep48; Rep93; Rep71; Kasych, Shawn; Baker, Dan
CC: Zielinski, Justin; Snider, Grace; Stepp, Taylor; Hartman, Sarah
Subject: FW: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

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ALEC opposes the Rep. Antani proposal to tax hotel intermediaries, for the reasons expressed by Rep. Dever and others.

From: Ashley Varner [mailto:avarner@jeffersonian-project.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Rep30 <Rep30@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

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ISSUE ALERT

April 26, 2017

To: Members of the Ohio House of Representatives
From: The Jeffersonian Project
Re: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

The operating budget currently under consideration in the Ohio General Assembly (Substitute HB 49) would levy the sales tax on travel services- defined as "acting as an agent to sell travel, tour, or accommodation services to the general public or commercial clients." As a result, sales and use taxes would be calculated based on the full price paid

by customers to the travel intermediary, i.e. including the fees charged by online travel agents.

Additional taxes make travel to Ohio more expensive, thereby harming Ohio's tourism industry and weakening the economy as a result. **The Jeffersonian Project, the 501(c)4 affiliate of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), strongly opposes this new discriminatory service tax on the Ohio travel and tourism economy.**

Intermediaries connect potential tourists with Ohio hotels, and by doing so, help generate tax revenue from these visitors through their in-state commerce. Visitors also add to the Ohio economy through purchases at local restaurants, stores, events and other in-state businesses. In a modern, digital economy, intermediaries serve as a crucial facilitator to position the state to benefit from domestic and global travelers.

Imposing new taxes in Ohio, including taxes on the state's crucial travel industry, impedes economic growth and conflicts with the ALEC Principles of Sound Taxation, which states that tax policy should be competitive, neutral and fair to all business, regardless of industry. Moreover, as ALEC model policy - the Travel Agent Tax Fairness Act - notes, online travel companies are separate entities from accommodations providers. Online travel companies do not provide lodging and amenities, but instead facilitate the purchase of that lodging.

What Ohio will lose in tax revenue from travelers who choose to stay elsewhere will likely outweigh the revenue generated by the expanded tax; such is the epitome of shortsighted tax policy. As the principle from Economics 101 suggests, when you tax something more, you get less of it. Earlier this session, lawmakers in Montana and Arkansas rejected similar taxes on travel intermediaries, understanding that applying new taxes on travel services will create a disincentive to travel to states with such taxes.

Ohio's sales tax burden is already higher than 21 other states; income earners already endure the nation's 13th highest income tax rate, state and local rates combined, on top of this. Adding to the burden will harm Ohio taxpayers.

Therefore, the Jeffersonian Project strongly encourages members in the Ohio General Assembly to avoid new taxes on the state's travel and tourism economy and instead focus on broader, fundamental reforms that improve the state's competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration.

***The Jeffersonian Project is the 501(c)4 affiliate of the
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From: Spencer Chretien
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Zielinski, Justin
Subject: RE: ALEC Conference in Charlotte
Attachments: STFS Reimbursement Form.doc

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From: Yapple, Tyler
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Laurel Buckley
CC: Mason Hunt; Zielinski, Justin
Subject: Re: STFS Cancellation

Thank you Laurel!

Mason- I just submitted the cancellation.

Justin- here's the info to unregister Rep. Schuring.

Thanks again,

Tyler

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 3:57 PM, Laurel Buckley <lbuckley@alec.org> wrote:

Hello Tyler,

I just heard your message that Speaker Rosenberger and Rep. Schuring will not be able to attend due to legislative issue in Ohio. You will be able to cancel their registration by going to the [registration site](#) and clicking **Already Registered?** at the bottom of the page. You will then enter the confirmation number found on the confirmation number and email address used to register. At the top of the Confirmation page you will click **UNREGISTER.**

Mason Hunt, cc'ed here, is our registration specialist and will be able to help if you have any questions. I'm sorry to hear they will no longer be able to attend, but I do look forward to seeing them in Denver.

Best,

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From: Lacey White
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Zielinski, Justin
Subject: ALEC Legislative Staff Fellowship
Attachments: Legislative Staff Fellowship Flyer.pdf; Legislative Staff Fellowship Application With Description.pdf

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Hi Justin,

My name is Lacey White and I am the Policy Coordinator at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). I received your contact information from another legislative staffer that recently participated in ALEC's Legislative Staff Fellowship. We are currently recruiting for our next class, and I wanted to reach out to see if you would be interested in participating. I have included a brief description of the program below and have also attached the program application.

The ALEC Legislative Staff Fellowship consists of a series of online educational sessions (beginning in October) and a three-day, intensive program of training and networking with legislative staff members from around the country. Attendees can expect to hear from ALEC policy directors, experts and scholars on a number of different policy issues and discuss the ideas presented with fellow participants. The purpose of the training is to promote holistic development (philosophical, policy and professional) of attendees and help them to promote the ideals of free markets and limited government throughout their careers as legislative staffers.

The fellowship includes the cost of hotel stay, meals and registration for the meeting, and allows for up to \$500.00 in travel reimbursements after the meeting.

We currently have open enrollment for ALEC's State and Nation Policy Summit in Nashville, Tennessee on December 6th-8th, 2017.

We would love to have you join us. Please let me know if you have any further questions and feel free to share this opportunity with any other legislative staffers you know that may be interested!

Best,
Lacey

Lacey White

Policy Coordinator

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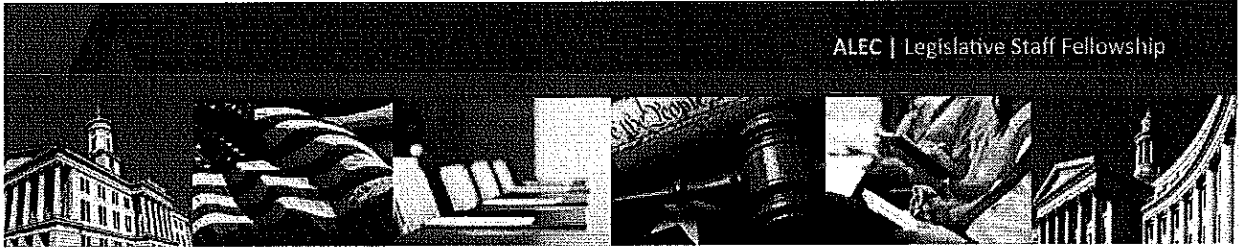


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2018 Annual Meeting – August 8-10, 2018 – New Orleans, Louisiana



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— Thomas Jefferson

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The Legislative Staff Fellowship provides participants the tools necessary to be successful in their careers, learn about free market principles and build lasting relationships with peers from around the country.

Key Features Include:

- Professional Development and Training
- Peer-to-Peer and Vertical Networking
- Policy Discussion, Dissection and Analysis

To learn more about the program, please contact Lacey White, ALEC Policy Coordinator, at lwhite@alec.org or 571-482-5026.

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Download the application below.



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— Jordan Taylor, Texas House of Representatives

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Legislative Staff Training Application

Thank you for applying to the American Legislative Exchange Council's Legislative Staff Training. Please answer the following questions. Once you have completed the survey please attach your resume and a biography and send to Lacey White, Policy Coordinator, at lwhite@alec.org. If you have any questions please email or call Lacey at (571) 482-5026.

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Name: Legislative Sponsor:

Job Title: State: Email:

Role: Caucus Staff: Member Staff: District Staff: Committee:

If "Other," please describe:

Legislature Type: Part-Time: Seasonal: Full-Time:

What is your highest level of education completed?:

Associates: Bachelors: Masters: Doctorate:

Degree:

How long have you worked in a legislature? (Years and Months):

Please list at least one referral from an ALEC member to be contacted regarding your application.

Referral 1

Name:

Organization: State:

Phone Number: Email Address:

Referral 2

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Referral 3

Name:

Organization: State:

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1) What is a work skill or non-policy topic that you are interested in learning and why?

2) What policy topics are you most interested in learning about and why?

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- 3) Describe your thoughts on the role of the legislative staffer in advancing Limited Government, Free Markets and Federalism.

- 4) What is a pressing public policy issue in your state and what do you think is a policy solution to remedy the problem?

From: Susan Carleson

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:22 AM

To: Zielinski, Justin

Subject: ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin: ACRU hosts voting policy and legislative seminar at ALEC

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The ACRU hosted a voting integrity policy and legislative seminar at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) winter conference. More details found at the [ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin](#).

LEAD

ACRU Focus: Legislators Not Shy in Pushing 'Model' Bills

At the behest of the American Civil Rights Union, legislators across the nation who belong to the American Legislative Exchange Council could be sponsoring bills in the next couple of years requiring local election commissions to take a closer look at people who miss jury duty. "All we want is honest voting," says Susan Carleson, chairman and CEO of the American Civil Rights Union, which put on a voter integrity

seminar during the ALEC 2017 States & Nation Policy Summit held at Nashville's Omni Hotel.

STATES

Florida: Experts: Broward's elections chief broke law in destroying ballots

The election supervisor in Florida's second-most populous county broke the law by destroying ballots cast in last year's congressional primary.

North Carolina: 12 indicted in Alamance County for voting as felons

Police in North Carolina are seeking people accused of voting in the 2016 general election while still on felony probation or post-release supervision. A grand jury had indicted 12 people for violating state election laws.

New York: Developers Sentenced To Prison for Voter Fraud

A federal judge sentenced a developer to ten months in prison, a year of supervised release, 400 hours of community service and a \$20,000 fine, for the fraudulent registration of voters.

Wisconsin: After Report, GOP leaders of Legislature Calling for Ethics and Elections Leaders to resign

The fate of Wisconsin's Elections and Ethics commission administrators may come down to a highly unusual and dramatic vote in the state Senate. Senate Majority

Leader Scott Fitzgerald says if they don't resign, he will schedule a vote next month to reject their confirmation.

West Virginia: New voter ID law coming to the Mountain State

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A new voter ID law will soon be going into effect in West Virginia. Beginning January 1, the state's new voter ID law will be going into effect.

REDISTRICTING

Supreme Court agrees to hear Maryland redistricting case

The Supreme Court said that it will hear a challenge to Maryland's congressional districts brought by seven Republican voters who say the state's 2011 redistricting violated their First Amendment rights.

The American Civil Rights Union

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December 19, 2017

Dear Speaker Pro Tempore Schuring,

As Chairman of We Are Ohio, I am writing to ask you not to sign on as a co-sponsor to Representative John Becker's anti-worker legislation and to oppose Rep. Becker's efforts to hurt working families in your district and across Ohio.

Rep. Becker, we believe, is pursuing an anti-worker agenda pushed by out-of-state interests like the Koch brothers, Americans for Prosperity and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

He has outlined six separate constitutional amendments that are all designed to hurt workers, lower wages, decrease safety in the workplace and cause further economic insecurity for the people that you serve.

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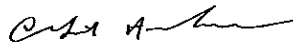
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Dear Speaker Pro Tempore Schuring,

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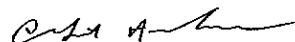
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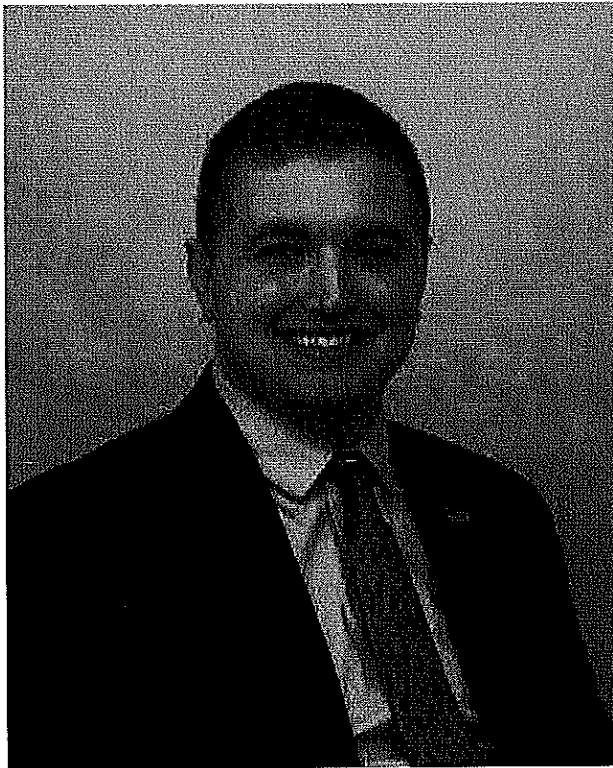
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WELCOME

When you get a free minute, please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome the newest members of our team.



Tyler Herrmann, Deputy Legal Counsel / Policy Advisor

Tyler is from Harrison, Ohio and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati and a Political Science degree from Wright State University. Tyler served in the United States Air Force as an Operations Intelligence Analyst NCO and currently serves as a JAG Attorney for the United States Army. He currently presides as the Chairman for the Ohio Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association, and as the Treasurer for the Cap City Young

Republicans. Tyler transferred to the House from the Attorney General's Office where he served as an Assistant Attorney General within the Executive Agencies Section.

James Kennedy, LA Merrin



James is from Palm City, Florida and an alum of Florida, Atlantic University where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. While in college he had the opportunity to serve as a Tax and Fiscal Policy Intern for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). James has an extensive research background serving as a Legal Research Analyst Intern for the Buckeye Institute and as a Political-Military Analyst Intern for the Hudson Institute. Prior to arriving to the House, he served as a Legislative Assistant for the Tennessee Legislation Service in Nashville. In James' free time, he enjoys collecting sports memorabilia and claims to have personally met nearly every

major league baseball
superstar.

Lauren Reid, LA Butler



Lauren is from Madison, Connecticut, and recently graduated from the University of Dayton with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in Spanish. While at Dayton, she served as a Statehouse Civic Scholar, where she was assigned an internship working for the Governor's communication team. Lauren had the unique experience of traveling to Segovia, Spain, where she participated in a four-week immersion program. During the winter months whenever she gets the opportunity, she enjoys to snowmobile.

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To All House Republican Members and Staff:

Attached you will find the 2016 JLEC memorandum on attending a political convention. With the Republican National Convention being located in Cleveland in July, there will likely be many members and staff who decide to attend the convention in various capacities, as well as many different receptions and other events associated with the convention. The attached JLEC memo will help explain the ethics implications of many of the situations that may arise during the convention.

The most important detail to remember regarding the Republican National Convention is that it is a **campaign event**. The exemption that applies to the meetings of national conferences that the General Assembly pays dues to (such as NCSL, ALEC, CSG, etc) **does not apply to the Republican National Convention**.

There will be many different situations that arise regarding the convention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate and House Caucus Counsel

From: Office of the Legislative Inspector General

Date: April 26, 2016

RE: *Attendance at National Political Party Nominating Conventions*

Members of the General Assembly and legislative staff may be in attendance at the presidential nominating convention ("political convention") for their respective political parties later this summer. In addition to the actual convention, many events will be held in the host cities (RNC - Cleveland and DNC - Philadelphia) at the same time. These events are likely to be hosted by a variety of different organizations. The purpose of this memo is to review the limitations on what may be accepted and the reporting requirements for Members and legislative staff in attendance.¹ This information is applicable to those in attendance whether as Delegates or as general attendees.

I. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages:

Members and legislative employees² must identify the source of all **official** meals and beverages where the value exceeds \$100, aggregated per calendar year in *Section 10: Meals, Food and Beverages* on their financial disclosure statement. Only meals *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties must be reported on the financial disclosure statement. In order for a meal to be *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties, it is necessary that the functions are related to, or associated with, the individual's position as a public official or employee. Attendance at a political convention is not related to, or associated with, a person's official duties with the General Assembly. Therefore, meals and other food and beverages

¹ Although questions have been raised in the media as to the applicability of R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery" in the context of national conventions, JLEC's jurisdiction and enforcement authority does not include R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery". This memorandum addresses expenditure limits applicable in the absence of bribery.

² For financial disclosure reporting purposes, legislative employees are those employees of the General Assembly or any legislative agency that file a financial disclosure statement.

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provided to a Member or legislative employee at a political convention are not incurred in connection with their official duties and do not count toward the \$100 threshold.³

II. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages from Lobbying Sources:

Meals and beverages provided to a Member or legislative employee directly from an Ohio legislative agent or the employer of an Ohio legislative agent, will be reported by the legislative agent or employer regardless of whether the meals and beverages were related to official duties. Meals and beverages provided by a legislative agent to a Member of the General Assembly or legislative staff while attending a political convention count towards the \$75 annual limit. The “national conference exception,” often referenced when discussing Ohio’s ethics and lobbying laws, does not apply to political party nominating conventions.

Members and all legislative staff are reminded that they are prohibited from accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in meals and beverages from a legislative agent.⁴ This limit does not apply to meals and beverages from the employer of a legislative agent.⁵ A Member’s or legislative employee’s name will be included in a legislative agent’s Activity and Expenditure Report, if he or she accepts more than \$50 in meals and beverages from the legislative agent in a calendar year.⁶ Meals and Beverages received from the employer of a legislative agent are reportable from \$0.01. A Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

Please note: Meals and beverages provided at an All-Invited Event do not count towards the \$75 annual limit or trigger the reporting of a recipient’s name on a lobbying report. An All-Invited Event is a dinner, party, or reception to which all Members of the General Assembly, or all Members of either chamber of the General Assembly, are invited to attend. An event need not be exclusive to General Assembly Members to be considered an All-Invited Event.⁷

III. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Gifts:

Members and legislative employees must identify the source of a gift where the value of the gift or gifts, aggregated per calendar year exceeds \$75 (or if received from a legislative agent, \$25) in *Section 9: Gifts* on their financial disclosure statement.⁸ Members and all legislative

³ Generally, receptions are considered to fall under the meal section where the main purpose of the event is for social gathering and not entertainment, even assuming there is some type of background entertainment. However, where the main purpose is entertainment (i.e., a well-known band is hired to perform a concert), that would be considered a gift.

⁴ R.C. 102.031(C)(2); § 5(B)(2) Legislative Code of Ethics.

⁵ To determine whether an expenditure is attributable to a legislative agent or an employer, the Ohio Legislative Inspector General (OLIG) uses a “point of sale” test. From the perspective of the recipient, the OLIG asks: “at the time of the expenditure, who would the recipient say paid for or provided the expenditure?” See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 46.

⁶ Legislative Agents may spend up to \$50.00 aggregated per calendar year per reportable person without itemizing the expenditure. See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 41.

⁷ R.C. 101.73(D).

⁸ R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g). Generally, a gift provided to a spouse is for the use or benefit of the Member or employee (i.e., spouse is receiving the gift because he or she is the spouse of the Member or employee).

staff are reminded of the prohibition on accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in gifts from a legislative agent.⁹ A legislative agent or employer of a legislative agent who provides a gift valued at more than \$25, must report the Member or legislative employee as the recipient of a gift on their corresponding Activity and Expenditure Report.¹⁰ In turn, a Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

A. Charitable Fundraisers – Tickets:

A non-political fundraiser is one held by a non-profit charitable organization. A ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is the entity hosting the event is not a gift for lobbying or financial disclosure reporting purposes.¹¹ However, Members and legislative staff are reminded that a complimentary ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is a third party is a gift.¹² Where the source of the complimentary ticket is a third party, the value of the ticket is the portion of the ticket price that is not a tax-deductible charitable donation.¹³

B. Political Fundraisers – Tickets:

Regarding the acceptance and reporting of tickets to political fundraisers, Members and legislative employees are reminded that a ticket to a political fundraiser given to a Member or legislative staff by a person other than the candidate or committee on whose behalf the fundraiser is being held is a gift.¹⁴ The value of which, is the actual face value of admission.¹⁵ However, complimentary attendance at a political fundraising event is not considered a gift if the source of the complimentary admission is the candidate/committee hosting the event.¹⁶

C. Reporting of Social Events Held by the Political Parties During the Political Conventions:

During the political conventions, the national (RNC/DNC), state (Ohio Republican Party/Ohio Democratic Party), and/or local political parties will also likely hold non-fundraising social events as part of the political conventions. The costs incurred for the social events may be offset by financial support provided to the national, state, or local political parties from third parties, including those who are registered lobbyists or the employers of registered lobbyists. Where the Member or legislative employee is invited by a national, state, or local political party to attend the event hosted by the party, the source of the gift for financial disclosure statement reporting purposes is the party organization hosting/inviting the Member

Therefore, the amount of the gift must be added to the amount, if any, of the gift received by the Member or employee.

⁹ R.C. 102.031(C)(3); § 5(C) Legislative Code of Ethics.

¹⁰ Admin. Code 101-9-01(D)(2).

¹¹ 2000 JLEC Advisory Op. 2000-002; See R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g).

¹² 2014 JLEC Advisory Op. 2014-003; See R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g).

¹³ 2014 JLEC Advisory Op. 2014-003.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ 2000 JLEC Advisory Op. 2000-002.

¹⁶ *Id.*

or legislative reportable person. Mere financial support provided by sponsors to the national, state, or local political parties does not trigger financial disclosure or lobbying reporting by those sponsors.

IV. Prohibition – Travel:

Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting travel expenses¹⁷ from a legislative agent **except actual travel expenses related to official duties**, which Members and legislative employees must identify under *Section 8: Travel* on their financial disclosure statement.¹⁸ Travel payments or reimbursements made to a Member or legislative employee for attendance at a presidential national convention **are not incurred in connection with their official duties**. As such, except for each car trip under 50 miles one way, Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting actual transportation/lodging expenses from a legislative agent for any travel related to attendance at a political convention.¹⁹

Please note that travel expenses paid for or reimbursed **by a campaign committee** are not considered gifts for financial disclosure purposes. These reimbursements will be reported in campaign finance reports, thus serving the public interest of full and fair disclosure. Reasonable, ordinary, necessary and verifiable expenses for a candidate/officeholder and spouse to attend a party's national convention are considered to be legitimate campaign fund expenditures.²⁰

¹⁷ For ethics purposes, travel is defined as lodging and any transportation by airplane, train, or common carrier regardless of the distance and any transportation by automobile, for each trip which exceeds 50 miles per trip, one way. Lodging encompasses the following: (1) A stay of one or more nights in a commercial establishment or (2) A stay of one or more nights in a noncommercial private dwelling. As to noncommercial private dwellings, this includes residences owned in whole or in part by a legislative agent. See 1997 JLEC Advisory Op. 97-006.

¹⁸ R.C. 102.031(C)(1); R.C. 102.03(H); § 5(B)(1) Legislative Code of Ethics.

¹⁹ If a Member or legislative employee accepts travel from a non-prohibited source, he or she will report the entity as the source of a gift.

²⁰ Ohio Elections Commission Advisory Opinion 96ELC-09, available at <http://elc.ohio.gov/AdvisoryOpinion/96ELC-09.pdf>.

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Dietitians argued Monday that current and pending administrative rules could impair nutrient adequacy and lack adequate food safety guidelines for senior citizens.

Representatives of the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics told the Joint Committee on Agency Rule and Review their concerns have not been completely addressed by rule changes put forth by the Department of Aging. (Agenda)

At the same time, they thanked the department for taking their feedback into account, even if all their proposed changes were not adopted during the rulemaking process.

"We're not going to let this go," OAND State Policy Representative Pat McKnight said. "We'll meet with the department and go over these (issues) but we just wanted to make you all aware this issue is not solved."

In the end, JCARR members did not act on the rule, which allows it to proceed toward implementation.

Following a "productive" meeting with the department last week, interested parties are next scheduled to meet in six months to continue the discussion, Ms. McKnight said. But at the urging of Rep. Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City), ODA Policy Development Manager Tom Simmons said the department would be agreeable to moving that meeting up to take place within two months.

The testimony came in response to a rule package including 19 proposed rules and 18 other rules to be rescinded pertaining to nutrition programs under the Older Americans Act. The rules would pertain to AAA providers, which include local area aging agencies.

Specifically, the groups are concerned with Rule 173-4-5 and Rule 173-4-5.2, which establish general requirements for nutrition projects and home-delivered meal projects respectively.

Part of the concern centers on the one-third federal dietary reference intake for meals, which requires a minimum of one-third of one's meals provided through OAA funding meet nutritional requirements. Ms. McKnight said the new rule along with existing federal law does not provide enough information to ensure the one-third requirement is met. She said it also prohibits the use of leader nutrients, which dietitians had formerly used as a workaround to meet those requirements.

"It's not that the dietitian wouldn't want to do it," she said of compliance. "There is no way he or she could do it because the data's simply not available."

Ms. McKnight also contended that the new rules include no standards for non-therapeutic menus - healthy diets not tailored to a specific patient. More providers, she said, are using such menus to cut down on their clients' intake of carbs or sodium. And she questioned the department's claim that it has no ability to develop or enforce food safety standards for such providers.

Mr. Simmons said the department lacks jurisdiction in modifying the federal OAA. But he said the department is committed to having an ongoing dialogue with stakeholders.

"The number one goal of our entire project is to remove the overbearing regulation within these rules and with that make it easier to do business," Mr. Simmons said.

OAND State Regulatory Specialist Kay Mavko said the group plans to continue to engage the department and lawmakers on these issues.

"We are committed to working on this," Ms. Mavko said. "We don't want to let it go. We realize the department is limited in what it has the authority to do and what the rulemaking process allows it to do, but we still have some concerns."

State Still Seeking Lethal Drugs With Next Execution Set For January; Lawmakers Look To Alternatives

Ohio's next scheduled execution is now less than six months away, yet the state hasn't been able to obtain at least one drug typically used in the lethal injection process since 2013.

The state is still trying to acquire drugs used to carry out executions, according to JoEllen Smith, a spokeswoman for the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

"DRC continues to seek all legal means to obtain the drugs necessary to carry out court ordered executions," she said. "This process has included multiple options."

Without the drugs necessary, the state could be forced to again delay the execution of Ronald Phillips, who was convicted of the 1993 murder of a 3-year-old girl. He is one of 26 people scheduled to be executed by the state in the coming years.

Mr. Phillips has had several execution dates, the most recent of which was Jan. 21, 2016. He had a 2014 execution date that was delayed after the botched execution of Dennis McGuire, who gasped for air at times over a 25-minute process carried out for the first time in Ohio with a two-drug cocktail.

That concoction - a mixture of midazolam, a sedative, and hydromorphone, a narcotic painkiller - was used for the first time because in the fall of 2013 European

pharmaceutical companies blocked the sale of pentobarbital, which was previously used in the lethal injection process.

In the wake of Mr. McGuire's execution - which the state said caused no pain - a federal judge in May 2014 issued a moratorium on the death penalty in Ohio, which was later extended until Jan 15, 2015.

Shortly before the moratorium expired, the state announced that it would abandon the use of the two-drug mixture and instead use thiopental sodium, which was utilized in executions from 1999 to 2011.

However, in October, the state announced that it was again delaying all executions, with 2017 as the earliest date. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, October 20, 2015)

Gov. John Kasich also signed legislation (HB663, 130th General Assembly) in December 2014 to shield the identities of execution-drug makers.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) laid blame for the state's inability to secure the drugs necessary to carry out an execution at the feet of the administration of President Barack Obama.

"The Obama administration chooses not to enforce marijuana laws, which then lead to states legalizing medical marijuana," he said. "Strangely enough they go beyond what they are authorized to do relative to execution drugs."

Nonetheless, he expressed hope that once a new administration takes office on Jan. 20, it will make it easier to secure drugs necessary to carry out executions.

Current state law allows for executions to be carried out only through lethal injection. However, one panel led by Sen. Coley is exploring alternate forms of execution.

The Joint Legislative Study Committee on Victims' Rights in March heard testimony from Matt Kanai, general counsel for the law enforcement division in the attorney general's office, on ways other states are dealing with the lack of lethal injection drugs. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 10, 2016)

Sen. Coley said he is intrigued by nitrogen hypoxia as a form of execution, which Oklahoma has recently added as an option to carry out the death penalty.

He said the death would be similar to that caused by a decompressed plane cabin and added he believes it would not be deemed cruel or unusual by the courts. However, he said he would prefer to let the issue work its way through the justice system, which could take two to four years, before moving forward with it as a form of execution in Ohio.

The abolishment of the death penalty, though, is not on the table for Sen. Coley.

"The one great thing about the death penalty is there is zero recidivism," he said. "There are truly evil people in this world and it's our duty to eradicate them from the face of the planet. The death penalty has been an effective tool to that end."

However, Abe Bonowitz, communications director of Ohioans to Stop Executions, said the state should follow the lead of others and abolish the death penalty.

"We have a system that is blatantly unfair and has all kinds of issues with it," he said.

"The trends with the death penalty are away from it across the country and in Ohio fewer counties are using it," he added.

As for Mr. Phillips' scheduled execution, Sen. Coley said he's been led to believe that it can still be carried out.

"From everything that I've heard from the director, right now they believe it can be," he said. "They still have time."

Trump, Clinton At Odds During Columbus Campaign Stops

Donald Trump began his Columbus appearance Monday by blasting a local fire marshal for turning away "thousands" of his supporters for political reasons.

Before taking the stage at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Mr. Trump made a brief surprise appearance to media gathered outside the room, according to various reports.

There he claimed there were thousands of people outside until they were turned away "for political reasons" by the fire marshal. Several media reports placed the number closer to hundreds.

"So we have a thousand people in there," Mr. Trump said, according to video. "The fire marshal said he's not allowed to allow any more, even though the building holds many thousands of people, so I just want to tell you that."

The perceived slight was the first thing Mr. Trump mentioned upon taking the mic. From there, he segued into terrorism, the border, trade, and his desire to see a ballroom constructed at the White House.

His appearance came one day after Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and her VP pick Sen. Tim Kaine appeared in Columbus, where Ms. Clinton labeled Mr. Trump "a serious threat to our democracy."

With the event billed as a town hall, Mr. Trump fielded three questions on topics including healthcare, regulation on small businesses, and the heroin epidemic.

He pinned Ohio's job loss on President Bill Clinton, saying that the state lost one in three manufacturing jobs since the signing of NAFTA, and accused Ms. Clinton of being beholden to large donors.

"We are going to turn this state into a manufacturing behemoth," he said. "We are going to bring your jobs back, we're going to bring your companies back."

Between his usual attacks on illegal immigrants and the media, he said he's raised \$35.8 million in the last month from more than 500,000 donors and added that if he'd had two more days to campaign for the primary he - and not Gov. John Kasich - would have won the Buckeye State, which he lost by 11 points. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 15, 2016)

Mr. Trump did not mention his criticism of a Muslim couple - Khizr and Ghazala Khan - which GOP leaders have rebuked in recent days. Ohio veterans, in a Monday morning conference call organized by the Clinton campaign, called upon Mr. Trump to apologize for those attacks.

The Khans criticized the businessman during a speech at the Democratic National Convention, while describing the death of their son, a U.S. Army captain killed in Iraq. Mr. Trump spent days afterward blasting the couple. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 29, 2016)

As attacks continue to volley between Mr. Trump and the Khans, Republican leaders - including House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell - sought to distance themselves from Mr. Trump's remarks. GOP VP candidate Mike Pence, meanwhile, issued a statement saying he and Mr. Trump believe the Khans and their son "should be cherished by every American."

"Donald Trump does not understand the experience of our military families or our veterans," said former Democratic lawmaker and Air Force veteran Connie Pillich. "He tries to portray himself as strong and brash, but there is nothing strong or powerful about insulting the family of a fallen soldier."

Air Force Reserve member Rep. John Boccieri (D-Alliance) said "words do matter... and Donald Trump just doesn't get it."

"It's very clear from his remarks about John McCain and now Capt. Khan that he doesn't understand the type of sacrifices the men and women in uniform make for our country," he said. "The suffering and pain and struggle that these families go through on a daily basis are just unspeakable and to make light of it, to now attack this family I think is very indicative of the type of presidency he will run."

Republicans have also steered clear of the remarks, with Gov. John Kasich tweeting in his most recent disagreement with Mr. Trump: "There's only one way to talk about Gold Star parents: With honor and respect. Capt. Khan is a hero. Together we should pray for his family."

Ms. Clinton has likewise criticized the businessman for those attacks. During her Columbus appearance, she told the crowd "it's going to be up to all of us to repudiate" such attacks.

Ms. Clinton's latest Columbus appearance marked the culmination of her three-day "Stronger Together" bus tour of Pennsylvania and Ohio. There Ms. Clinton questioned Mr. Trump's business acumen and outlined her plan to invest in jobs during her first 100 days in office.

She pushed for more support for small businesses and asked rhetorically what would have happened if her father, who made draperies, had fulfilled his contractual obligations only for someone like Mr. Trump to refuse to pay for the product.

"To person after person and business after business, Donald Trump said, 'I don't care,'" Ms. Clinton said. "It's not because he couldn't pay them. He wouldn't pay them. He drove businesses into bankruptcy in addition to taking bankruptcy himself six times. My friends, that's not how we do business in America.

"He makes dress shirts in China, not Brooklyn, New York," she continued. "He makes furniture in Turkey, not Cleveland, Ohio. He makes barware in Slovenia, not Jackson, Ohio. And he goes around saying he wants to put America first and American workers first."

The campaign continues seizing upon news from recent days that Mr. Trump recently applied for dozens of H-2B visas to fill staff positions at his Palm Beach Mar-a-Lago resort and his Jupiter, Fla., golf club with foreign workers.

"Shame on you, Donald Trump," Ms. Clinton said. "Let's cut through all the hype and rhetoric and understand that we're dealing with somebody who has a history of stiffing people, making things somewhere else besides America, and whenever possible, hiring foreign workers."

Bump: Ms. Clinton appears to have received a polling boost following the Democratic National Convention last week. A CBS News July 29-31 poll showed her leading Mr. Trump nationally 47-41%.

The pair were virtually tied in the same poll last week following the Republican National Convention. When including Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson, Ms. Clinton leads Mr. Trump 43-38%, followed by Mr. Johnson at 10%.

Mr. Trump had previously seen a post-RNC bump in some polls conducted last week. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 26, 2016)

Endorsement: The Ohio Right to Life PAC on Monday announced its endorsement of Mr. Trump and a handful of candidates for other offices.

"Our mission is to protect the sanctity of human life, and right now there is no ticket more threatening to that mission than that of Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine," ORTL President Mike Gonidakis said. "Many times over, Mr. Trump has committed himself to appointing pro-life Supreme Court Justices, signing the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and protecting religious liberty."

Mr. Trump has faced questioned on his views on abortion. In 1999, he said he was "very pro-choice," although he said his opinion has since "evolved." Currently anti-abortion, he caught flack earlier this year, even from anti-abortion groups, for suggesting in an MSNBC interview "there has to be some form of punishment" for women who obtain an abortion. He later walked back that comment.

GOP Lawmakers Tout Model Suicide Prevention Legislation, Contemplate Charter School Industry Structures At ALEC Event

Legislation providing suicide prevention tools to colleges and universities that originated in the Ohio House is on course to be copied by other states.

Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) last week attended the American Legislative Exchange Council's annual meeting to promote her resolution that the organization has approved as model legislation.

The controversial annual ALEC meeting typically draws conservative lawmakers to draft and consider bills that are oftentimes backed by the private sector.

Ohio lawmakers who attended the event include Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina), Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell), Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.), Rep. Wes Retherford (R-Hamilton), Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina), Rep. Ron Hood (R-Ashville), Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati), Rep. Tom Brinkman (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati).

While some question the group's motives for including businesses in the bill-writing process, Rep. Anielski said the three-day meeting allows her to collaborate with lawmakers across the country to view issues differently.

ALEC was also beneficial in helping her promote legislation (HB 28) that was enacted last summer in Ohio, she said. It provides colleges and universities with free access to suicide prevention programs as well as related materials and tools that were already available to K-12 schools.

"I wanted to make sure that the resources were out there because there are some universities that have already met all the requirements because they're already doing this, but I wanted to bring up the people that needed help and I didn't want them to start from scratch so now they have options," Rep. Anielski said in an interview.

The bill also required institutions to take part in a five-part program that includes crisis intervention access, mental health program access, multimedia applications, a student communication plan and more.

The ALEC-approved version of the legislation is a resolution urging colleges to take part in the programs rather than requiring it, Rep. Anielski said.

"Basically it's almost like a committee process and you have to go and sell it and market it and basically convince your colleagues from around the nation that this is a good idea," she said of ALEC. "I presented it first as a bill in December and they asked me to come back and present it as a resolution because they didn't want schools to be mandated to do that."

West Virginia has already enacted legislation that mirrors Ohio's bill, while four other states have used portions of it, Rep. Anielski said. She's hoping those numbers go up now that the concept has ALEC backing.

She was joined in education-related sessions by Rep. Brenner, who said he spent a portion of the annual meeting involved in brainstorming on charter schools.

The discussions, which included presentations from school choice and charter school leaders from across the country, allowed participants to begin building a framework for those states that need to improve their sectors or are looking to establish one, he said in an interview.

Holding dropout recovery and prevention schools accountable in ways other than test scores that address the makeup of those schools was also a topic of conversation.

"Basically, the biggest thing I don't think (people) get about ALEC is it's not an evil thing. It just like a big interested party meeting," Rep. Brenner said of his experience, referring to criticism of the group.

"We're just discussing basic public policy and what would be good model legislation written basically by legislators and we're dealing with the same organizations back in our Statehouse," he added.

Center for Media and Democracy, the group behind a website called ALEC Exposed, doesn't buy that, though. It argues on its website that the ALEC meetings are where "global corporations and state politicians vote behind closed doors to try to rewrite state laws that govern your rights."

Rep. Brenner said he'd like to see the event televised to provide transparency and educate people about the issues lawmakers - whose meeting expenses are covered by the party - are addressing.

Held in Indianapolis, the event agenda included breakout sessions as well as a speakers list that featured Trump running mate Gov. Mike Pence.

Husted Urging Changes In Special Election Laws

Absentee voting has started in a special Democratic primary for the Eighth Congressional District, although Secretary of State Jon Husted is pushing lawmakers to change the law that is requiring the election to take place.

The special primary is designed to name a Democratic candidate to replace Corey Foister on the ballot in November. Mr. Foister withdrew 107 days before the November election and will be replaced on the ballot by Steve Fought.

State law requires a special election to be held if a congressional candidate withdraws from the race with more than 90 days to go before the general election, according to Mr. Husted's office. After the 90th day before the election, there's a window allowed by state law in which the party could appoint a candidate without a special election.

In a statement, Secretary Husted said he will urge the General Assembly to make changes to Ohio law to avoid having conduct a special primary election in which only one candidate is running in the future.

"It is a waste of time and tax dollars to hold a special election when only one candidate is running," Secretary Husted said. "I hope the legislature will change the law to avoid this problem in the future."

Absentee voting in the special primary for overseas and military voters started Saturday, according to the Secretary of State's office.

Mr. Fought, a former press secretary for U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo), lives in Toledo but plans to move to Butler County to run for the seat, according to a report from the *Toledo Blade*.

Mr. Fought will face U.S. Rep. Warren Davidson (R-Troy), who won the seat formerly held by House Speaker John Boehner in a special election in June (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 8, 2016). Green Party candidate James J. Condit Jr. is also running for the seat.

LPO Plans Appeal After Latest Setback In Ballot Access Case

The Libertarian Party of Ohio said Monday it will appeal a federal appeals court's rejection of the group's claims it was unfairly kept off the state ballot in the 2014 election.

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday affirmed the May decision by a district court in favor of Secretary of State Jon Husted.

In its appeal to the Sixth Circuit, the LPO claimed state actors selectively enforced the law against Libertarian Party candidates and that state law violated the equal protection

clause of the 14th Amendment by requiring new minor parties to nominate candidates by petition, rather than primary elections.

Circuit Judge Karen Nelson Moore wrote in the decision that the LPO failed to demonstrate the Secretary of State's Office worked with the Ohio Republican Party in a conspiracy to keep the Libertarians off the ballot in 2014. Judge Moore said the district court was correct in granting summary judgment on the selective enforcement claim.

As to the claim of equal rights violations, the court ruled the state's interest in requiring new minor parties to demonstrate a base of support outweighed the burden placed on the LPO by having to nominate candidates by petition, instead of by primary election.

Mark Brown, the LPO's lead attorney, said in a statement that the party will appeal the decision, saying voters should have the ability to vote for their presidential ticket of former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson and former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

"We are immediately appealing the Sixth Circuit's decision to the United States Supreme Court," he said. "The Constitution and the voting rights of Ohioans are too important not to. The Johnson/Weld ticket offers a critical choice in this election cycle, and as things stand Ohio Republicans have been allowed to cancel that choice. The Supreme Court may change all that."

Joshua Eck, a spokesman for Secretary Husted, said the case has been clearly decided.

"The court of appeals, like every court before them have affirmed that this law is constitutional," he said in an email. "It's time to stop wasting the taxpayers' money with this frivolous lawsuit."

The lawsuit is the latest by the LPO over ballot access. In 2006, the party successfully challenged a state law that required parties that received less than 5% of the vote in the last gubernatorial or presidential election to file petitions 120 days before the primary election, or nearly a year before the general election, in order to appear on the ballot.

The party successfully challenged a similar law in 2011, this one requiring the petitions to be filed 90 days before the primary election.

"As we have promised Ohio voters, the LPO will work to overturn any and all unconstitutional restrictions that Republicans or Democrats use to block voters from having free, fair, and meaningful choices at the ballot box," Bob Bridges, the LPO's executive committee chair, said in a statement.

Mr. Bridges said the party is currently working to gather the 5,000 signatures required to place Govs. Johnson and Weld on the ballot in November as independents. The deadline for that petition is Aug. 10.

Ethics Commission: Former Columbus Council Members Should Pay For Attendance At 2014 Game

The Ohio Ethics Commission has reached agreements with three former Columbus City Council members, including current Mayor Andrew Ginther, for them to pay more than \$400 each after accepting tickets to the 2014 Big Ten Championship football game from a vendor.

The letters from the OEC released Monday call for Mr. Ginther, Council Member Shannon Hardin and now-Franklin County Municipal Judge Eileen Paley to pay \$446.53 to the City of Columbus to benefit new city ethics policies and protocols.

All three were members of the city council in 2014 when Centerplate, a vendor of the Franklin County Convention Facility Authority, paid for them to attend the game in Indianapolis.

The city appoints members to the authority and appropriates more than \$7 million per year to fulfill bond requirements from the FCCFA, meaning the city could be required to fund authority deficits, according to the letter.

The OEC also sent a letter to Donald Leach Jr., an attorney representing the FCCFA, calling for him to pay \$893.06 for the cost of attendance for him and his wife.

Mr. Hardin also agreed to pay \$893.06, also covering the cost of a guest who attended.

The amounts to be paid are the difference between what the officials paid and what the OEC determined the actual cost to Centerplate was for the event and transportation.

The OEC letters said there was no finding in the review that ethics law or other statutes were violated, so the matters were closed and no further action will be taken.

Education Notes: ODE Seeking Career-Focused Education Grant; Chancellor Carey Plans UA Visit; OSU Police Department Recognized

The Ohio Department of Education is soliciting public input as it pursues a grant aimed at improving career-focused education.

Before submitting its application for the three-year grant, ODE said it would like to gather survey responses from educators, parents, students, businesses and community organizations to determine the access to career prep resources in schools now.

"The department will use the information from the survey to create the grant proposal on how Ohio will increase pathways for students to get the training and skills they need to compete for jobs," according to an ODE release.

The New Skills for Youth grant is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium and JP Morgan Chase.

Chancellor Visit: Chancellor John Carey will head to the University of Akron Tuesday to lead a roundtable discussion on higher education and business partnerships.

ODHE announced that from 10:30-noon he'll be joined by UA's Interim President Matthew J. Wilson as well as business partners and a number of representatives from northeast Ohio colleges and universities that are part of a Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills grant process.

Mr. Carey is expected to explain the funding that will be provided to the region as part of a RAPIDS grant and how that money can be used to benefit businesses and higher education.

Campus Police: Ohio State University's Police Division has received its first reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the institution announced.

The campus police department is one of about 70 universities agencies that meet the commission's 188 standards, according to an OSU release. It was first accredited by CALEA in 2013.

"The Ohio State University Police Division has a uniquely tailored approach focusing on both safety and education," OSUPD Chief Craig Stone said in a statement. "CALEA accreditation exemplifies our commitment to the safety of our campus community and shows we hold our officers to the highest standards in law enforcement."

Gongwer Statehouse Job Market Updated

Gongwer's Statehouse Job Market has been updated. The update is available on the Gongwer website.

Subscribers interested in posting job openings on Gongwer's employment board can send job descriptions and other information to gongwer@gongwer-oh.com.

Supplemental Agency Calendar Wednesday, August 3

Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board, Ohio Department of Public Safety
Atrium, 1970 W. Broad St., 1st floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner Sunday, August 7

Lisa Schacht (R-Candidate 20th House District) fundraiser, Schacht Family Farm, 5950 Shannon Road, Canal Winchester, 6 p.m., (Special Guests Secretary of State Jon Husted and Ohio Senator Kevin Bacon. Host: \$300; Host Committee: \$200; Supporter: \$100; Attendee: \$25/person to Citizens for Lisa Schacht)

Thursday, August 11

Ohio Charter School Summit, Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, Columbus, 9 a.m.

Friday, August 12

Ohio Charter School Summit, Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville) Golf Outing fundraiser, Darby Creek Golf Course, 19300 Orchard Road, Marysville, 11:30 a.m., (11:30am Registration and Lunch; 12:30pm Shotgun Start; 5:00pm Reception with Special Guest Attorney General Mike DeWine. Lunch/Golf/Reception: \$80/person; Reception Only: \$40/person; Hole Sponsor: \$100 to Pelanda for State Representative)

Tuesday, August 16

Wes Goodman (R-Candidate 87th House District) fundraiser, Cedar Creek Barn, 7723 State Route 42, Mansfield, 5:30 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$200; Couple: \$50; Individual: \$25 to Friends of Wes Goodman)

Tuesday, August 23

~~Canceled: Rep. Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$2,500; Sponsor: \$1,000; Patron: \$500; Guest: \$350 to Terry Johnson for State Rep)~~

Wednesday, August 24

Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) & Rep. Stephanie Kunze (R-Candidate 16th Senate District) golf outing fundraiser, Country Club at Muirfield Village, 8715 Muirfield Drive, Dublin, 8:30 a.m., (\$1,000 Total Contribution. Golfers pay for their own golf. Please make separate checks for \$500 each payable to Troy Balderson for State Senator & Citizens for Stephanie Kunze)

Tuesday, September 6

Matt Huffman (R-Candidate 12th Senate District) golf outing fundraiser, Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Rd., Lima, 9 a.m., (Registration 9:00-10:00am, Shotgun Start 10:00am \$1,000 Event Sponsor | \$200 Tee Sponsor | \$100 per Golfer to Matt Huffman for Ohio)

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) golf outing fundraiser, Pinnacle Golf Club, 1500 Pinnacle Club Drive, Grove City, 11 a.m., (11:00am Shotgun and Lunch; 12:00pm Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$1,500; Food/Beverage Sponsor: \$750; Foursome: \$400; Hole Sponsor: \$200; Individual Golfer: \$125 to Friends of Gary Scherer)

Rep. Ron Young (R-Leroy Township) Winery Reception fundraiser, Debonne Vineyards, 7840 Doty Road, Madison, 5:30 p.m., (with Special Guest Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor. Chair: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500 to Friends of Ron Young)

Wednesday, September 7

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) & Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) golf outing fundraiser, County Club at Muirfield Village, 8715 Muirfield Drive, Dublin, 8:30 a.m., (\$1,000 Total Contribution. Golfers

pay for their own golf. Please make separate checks for \$500 each payable to Citizens for Bill Beagle & Peterson for Good Government)

Tuesday, September 13

Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Brunswick) and Rep. Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab) fundraiser, Ringside, 19 N. Pearl Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Hambley for House Committee and/or Committee to Elect Doug Green)

Wednesday, September 14

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) and Rep. Margy Conditt (R-Liberty Township) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 12 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Butler for Ohio and/or Friends of Margy Conditt)

Monday, September 19

Rep. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City) golf outing fundraiser, Homestead Golf Course, 5327 Worley Road, Tipp City, 8:30 a.m., (8:30am Registration and Light Breakfast; 9:30am Remarks from Congressman Warren Davidson; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$2,000; Food and Beverage Sponsor: \$1,000; Tee Sponsor: \$500; Individual Golfer: \$250 PAC/\$150 Individual to Steve Huffman for State Rep)

Tuesday, September 20

Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Waterville) fundraiser, OHROC Offices, 21 W. Broad Street, Floor 7, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Friends of Derek Merrin)

Wednesday, September 21

Craig Riedel (R-Candidate 82nd House District) fundraiser, Oliver's, 26 N. High Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$200 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel)

Friday, September 30

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) fly fishing fundraiser, Spring Run Farms, 9206 Haddix Road, Fairborn, 11 a.m., (11:00am-4:00pm Fishing, 4:00-6:00pm Reception; \$1,000 Pike Sponsor | \$500 Salmon Sponsor | \$350 Trout Sponsor | \$175 Bluegill Sponsor | \$100 per couple/family | \$75 per Individual to Citizens for Bill Beagle)

Tuesday, October 18

OHROC Fundraising Reception, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad Street, Gold Room, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$5,000; Sponsor: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Guest: \$500 OHROC)

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House Activity for Monday, August 1, 2016

INTRODUCED

HB 587 ■ **DASHBOARD CAMERAS (Boyce, K.)** To require law enforcement officers to use dashboard cameras and body cameras during any time that they are interacting with any member of the public while in the performance of their duties, to provide for state financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of such cameras and related equipment, and to make an appropriation. Am. 109.73, 109.742, 109.77, 109.79, and 109.80 and to enact sections 2901.51 and 2901.52

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Senate Activity for Monday, August 1, 2016

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SB 342  **WEAPON POSSESSION (Thomas, C.)** To grant municipal corporations the authority to impose a ban or restriction on the open carry or concealed carry of any firearm in a publicly secured area established by the municipal corporation during an event of regional or national significance being held in the municipal corporation. Am. 9.68, 2923.122, and 2923.126 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 9 of Am. Sub. H.B. 12 of the 125th General Assembly

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, August 2

Legislative Committees

Senate Agriculture (Committee Record), House Agriculture & Rural Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150, Chr. Hill, B., 644-6014), Donahey Nationwide Ag./Hort. Building, Ohio State Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.

- Testimony from Virgil Strickler, General Manager of the Ohio State Fair; Jack Fisher, Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; Dave Daniels, Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture; Jim Zehringer, Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Craig Butler, Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Dean Rustin Moore, DVM, PhD, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Mary Buehler, Ohio Fair's Queen/FFA State President

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 1:30 p.m.

House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 2:30 p.m.

- Session to fill vacancies in the 3rd and 47th House Districts

Agency Calendar

Construction Industry Licensing Board, OCILB Conf. Rm., 6606 Tussing Rd., Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (Electrical Section)

Board of Building Appeals, Training Rm. 1, 6606 Tussing Rd., Reynoldsburg, 12:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Rep. Rick Perales (R-Beavercreek) fundraiser, 21 W. Broad Street, 7th Floor, Columbus, 12 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Sponsor: \$350 to Citizens for Perales)

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Would you be interested in fielding this one? If you like, we can give him numbers and such, but I have a policy that we are staff and MEMBERS get quoted... Let me know your thoughts, please.

In the event you WOULD like to handle this, the issue brief we did 2 weeks ago covers this issue (see attached). Also, I've attached the ALEC "study."

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Ms. Rhodes, I'm working on a story today looking at a recent American Legislative Exchange Council report that pushes for a much lower expected return rate for pensions. Their "risk-free" rate would obviously push unfunded liability figures up to very high levels for the pension systems, and is indeed the basis of their alarming report.

Do you have a bit of time today or tomorrow to chat about this issue? I have been covering the pension systems for quite a while (with Columbus Business first for several years, then away from the news business for a while now back at it).

Thanks!

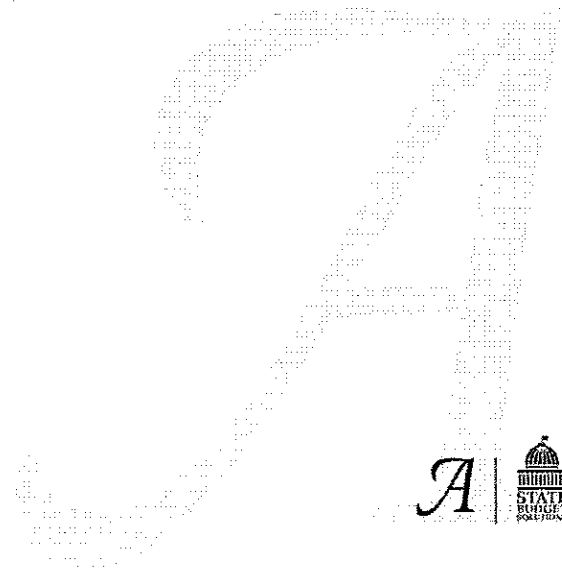
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Unfunded Public Pension Liabilities Near \$5.6 Trillion

State public pension plans are now underfunded by nearly \$5.6 trillion — an increase of almost \$900 billion from State Budget Solutions' (SBS) last comprehensive report in 2014.¹ When state pension funds are examined through the lens of a more realistic valuation, pension funding gaps are revealed to be much larger than reported in official state financial documents. This report totals state-administered plans' assets and liabilities and finds nationwide total unfunded liabilities to be \$5.59 trillion. The nationwide funding level is a mere 35 percent, which is one percentage point lower than two years ago.² Combined across all states, the price tag for unfunded pension liabilities is now \$17,427 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

The only way to solve this growing problem is for states to enact meaningful pension reform. While some might feel that America's public pension crisis only threatens current workers and retirees, it is in fact a problem that affects everyone. Taxpayers are on the hook for the legal obligation to cover the promised benefits of traditional, defined-benefit pension plans. Additionally, every dollar that is spent filling the gap in public pensions is a dollar taken away from core government services. This forces legislators to make the difficult decision of leaving their citizens with fewer services or enacting economically damaging tax increases.

A Nationwide Pension Problem

This report considers three important metrics to gauge the severity of the pension problem across the 50 states: unfunded pension liability per capita, the funded ratio and total unfunded pension liability. Unfunded pension liability per capita reveals the personal share of liability for every resident in each state. The funded ratio represents how well a given state's pension plans are funding their pension promises. Finally, the total unfunded pension liability reveals the fiscal strain on state budgets in raw dollar terms.

Unfunded pension liabilities per capita, which are given by state in the Appendix, are arguably the most alarming facet of pension funding. Since public pensions are the responsibility of all taxpayers, it is only fair to consider this metric when evaluating the states' relative pension health. When unfunded pension liabilities are viewed as shared debt placed on each individual, Alaska, where each resident is on the hook for a staggering \$42,950, tops the list. Ohio and Illinois follow for the highest per person unfunded pension liabilities.

Another useful gauge of financial health is the funded ratio, or the total value of a plan's assets weighed against its accrued liabilities. This calculation is important since total unfunded liabilities alone do not tell the entire story of a state's pension problems. California has the nation's largest unfunded liability in absolute dollar terms, but its funded ratio of 35.6 percent is the 21st best. Connecticut has the nation's worst funded ratio at 22.8 percent, meaning no state is failing to keep its promise to taxpayers and pensioners as badly as Connecticut. The state's failure to address its pension liabilities is a significant contributor to Connecticut's ongoing budget problems. While Wisconsin has the best funded ratio in the country, the state's defined-benefit pension fund is only 63.4 percent funded when more prudent accounting assumptions are applied. Even in the best-case scenario, all states have significant funding gaps. The Appendix shows the funded ratios for every state.

While the most accurate indicators of state pension health relate to unfunded liabilities per capita and funded ratios, total unfunded pension liabilities show just how big a burden each state has accrued. The most populous states with the largest government workforces will also tend to have the largest unfunded liabilities, such as California (more than \$956 billion). Smaller states, such as Vermont and North Dakota, which employ fewer workers, face smaller burdens. The Appendix shows the states with the largest and smallest total unfunded pension liabilities.

Real Pension Liabilities are Obscured by Poor Accounting Methods

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) sets accounting rules for states and municipalities. In 2012, GASB made two significant changes to how the financial health of pensions is measured. These changes were made, in part, as a reaction to the massive hit pension plans took during and after the "Great Recession" of 2008, and were implemented as a way to increase transparency, consistency and comparability of pension information. Although these GASB reforms are a step in the right direction, states often employ accounting "tricks," which paint a rosier picture than is actually the case.

One accounting trick is the use of high discount rates, the assumed rate of future investment returns on fund assets, when calculating pension liabilities. This report analyzed more than 280 state-administered pension plans, and found the simple, unweighted average discount rate to be 7.37 percent. While state funding is significant, on average, more than 70 percent of the total costs of pension benefits are paid for by the plan's investment earnings.³

According to public finance scholars Robert Novy-Marx and Joshua D. Rauh, "the states use discount rates that are unreasonably high."⁴ As former Social Security Administration deputy commissioner Andrew Biggs and economist Kent Smetters have explained, "No matter how well a pension plan manages its investments, it cannot generate 8 percent returns with certainty."⁵ Faced with unrealistically high expectations, state pension fund managers often embrace overly aggressive investment strategies, exposing taxpayers to additional risk.

In addition to expecting unrealistic investment returns, many state governments fail to make their annually required contributions (ARC). Pew Charitable Trusts, a nonpartisan think tank, defines the ARC as "the minimum standard set by government accounting rules."⁶ Unfortunately, several states have reduced their annual contributions, failing to make full ARC payments, or they have skipped payments altogether. According to a Pew Charitable Trusts report, only 21 states fully made their annual required contributions in 2013.⁷

Methodology: The State Budget Solutions Difference

This report includes data from more than 280 state-administered public pension plans, holding more than \$3 trillion in assets. Figures were drawn from Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs) and actuarial valuations.* In each case, figures were from the most up-to-date valuation available at the time of research.

* This report uses the actuarial value of assets (AVA) and actuarial accrued liability (AAL) for each plan to calculate unfunded liabilities. However, a few plans provide only fair market valuations. In these cases, the fair market value of assets and liabilities was used. Fair market values generally do not vary dramatically from actuarial values. Therefore, the use of fair market values in these cases has very little effect on a state's unfunded liabilities and rankings.

Unlike the GASB-influenced CAFRs and actuarial valuations, State Budget Solutions uses a more reasonable valuation to determine the unfunded liabilities of public pension plans. Given that many plans' assumed rates of return are too high and invite risk, State Budget Solutions uses a more prudent rate of return, rather than the loftiest goals of money managers.⁸ This study uses a rate of return based on the equivalent of a hypothetical 15-year U.S. Treasury bond yield.⁹ Since this is not presently offered as an investment instrument, the number is derived from an average of the 10 and 20 year bond yields. This year's number is averaged from March 2015 to March 2016.¹⁰ The resulting rate is 2.344 percent, which is considered a "risk-free" rate. As the Society of Actuaries' Blue Ribbon Panel recommends, "the rate of return assumption should be based primarily on the current risk-free rate plus explicit risk premia or on other similar forward-looking techniques."¹¹

The reason for using the U.S. Treasury bond yields is to show how a more realistic valuation differs from overly optimistic assumptions regarding unfunded liabilities. Using a more reasonable valuation does not allow state officials to simply hope for the best and shortchange their pension funds. The public sector's current assumed rates of return distort how much money is needed to fund the plans today to guarantee and eventually pay out pension benefits in the future. Ultimately, this will result in broken promises to government employees and financial hardship for taxpayers.

The formula for calculating a more realistic present value for a liability requires first finding the future value of the liability. That formula, in which " i " represents a plan's assumed interest rate, is $FV = AAL \times (1+i)^{15}$. The second step is to discount the future value to arrive at the present value of the more reasonably valued liability. That formula is $PV = FV / (1+i)^{15}$, in which " r " represents the risk-free interest rate.

Conclusion: State Pension Plans Face Growing Challenges

As this report reveals, all 50 states face alarming pension problems. State Budget Solutions is not alone in calling attention to the flawed accounting practices of state agencies. A recent study released by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, *Pension Debt: United States Public Employee Pension Systems*, also suggests that states use unrealistically high rates of return to discount their pension liabilities. The study found that pension debt totals \$4.8 trillion, a finding similar to this report.¹²

Given that pension payments to retired state employees are guaranteed, taxpayers are ultimately responsible for making up any funding deficit. Accordingly, assumed return rates should be realistic, to ensure taxpayers are not left holding the bag for an underfunded pension system. Assumed rates of return should be thoughtfully determined based on the type of liabilities – in this case, state employees' defined retirement benefits. These guaranteed promises should be matched with guaranteed rates of return.

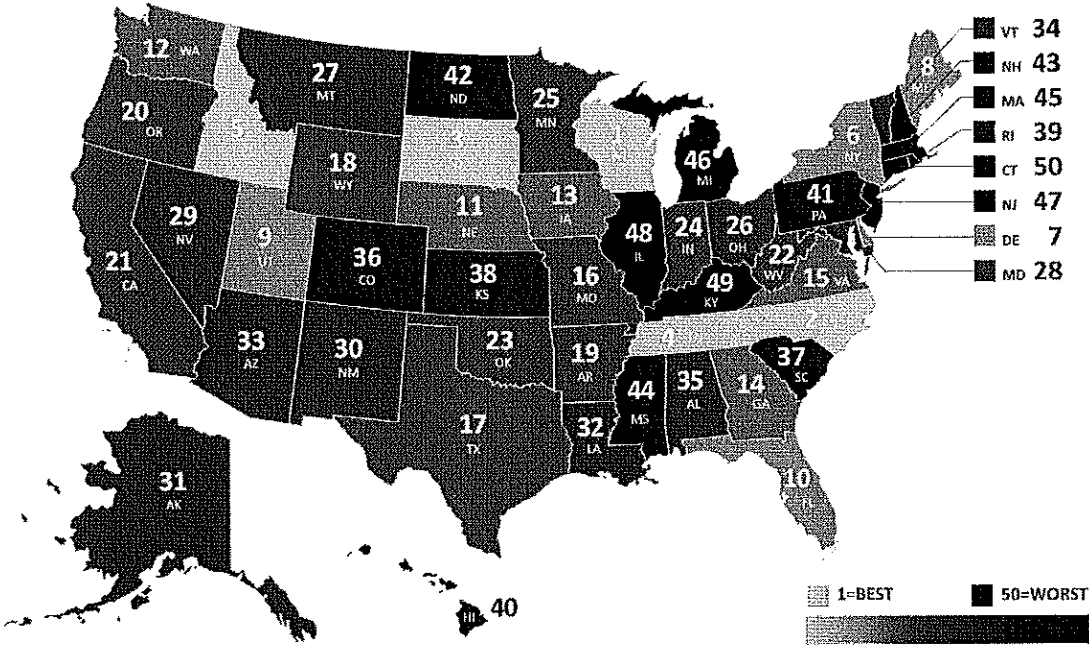
Prudent valuation provides the best insight into the real unfunded liabilities states face. It is important for states to adopt this model because in order to keep their promises, states must first understand their true liabilities. By failing to measure liabilities accurately, any attempt at a solution will be hindered.

If states are to keep their pension promises while protecting taxpayers, reform is vital. As former Utah Senator Dan Liljenquist, author of the American Legislative Exchange Council study, *Keeping the Promise: State Solutions for Government Pension Reform*, has rightly noted, pension reform is not a partisan issue, but a math problem.¹³ Without real solutions in place, the financial security of retirees, workers and taxpayers alike will remain at risk.

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2016 FUNDED RATIO OF PUBLIC PENSION PLANS



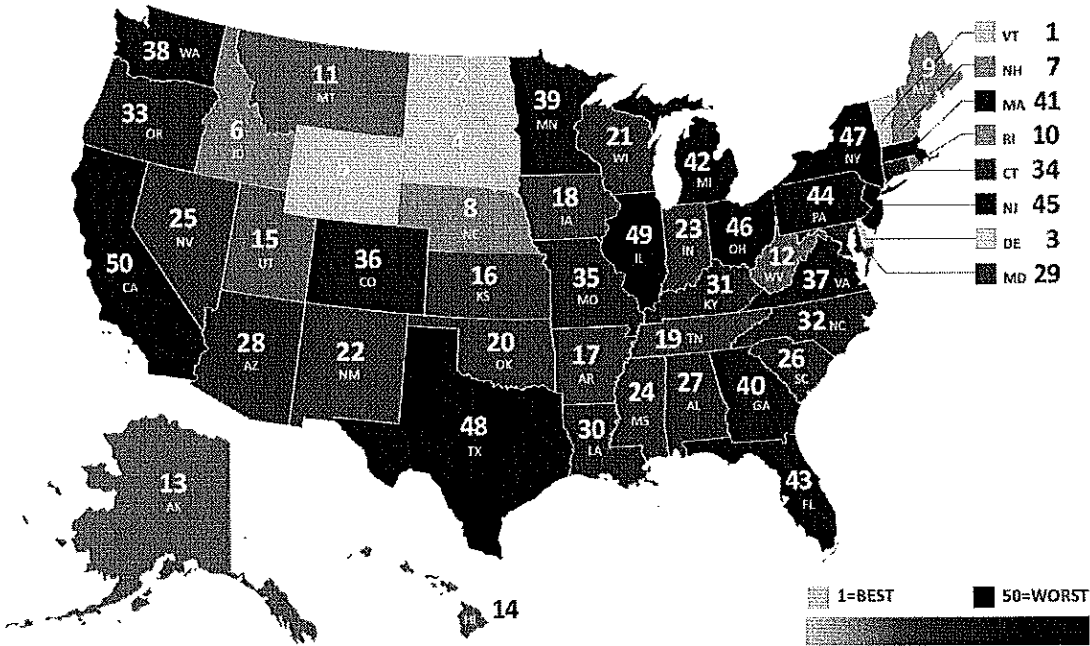
RANK	STATE	FUNDED RATIO
1	Wisconsin	63.4%
2	North Carolina	47.9%
3	South Dakota	47.8%
4	Tennessee	47.3%
5	Idaho	46.5%
6	New York	44.9%
7	Delaware	44.7%
8	Maine	42.1%
9	Utah	41.7%
10	Florida	40.5%
11	Nebraska	40.3%
12	Washington	39.9%
13	Iowa	39.8%
14	Georgia	38.8%
15	Virginia	37.4%
16	Missouri	36.9%
17	Texas	36.9%
18	Wyoming	36.6%
19	Arkansas	36.4%
20	Oregon	36.3%
21	California	35.6%
22	West Virginia	35.5%
23	Oklahoma	34.9%
24	Indiana	34.8%
25	Minnesota	34.5%

RANK	STATE	FUNDED RATIO
26	Ohio	34.3%
27	Montana	33.6%
28	Maryland	33.1%
29	Nevada	32.7%
30	New Mexico	32.1%
31	Alaska	31.4%
32	Louisiana	31.3%
33	Arizona	31.2%
34	Vermont	30.4%
35	Alabama	30.3%
36	Colorado	30.3%
37	South Carolina	30.1%
38	Kansas	29.9%
39	Rhode Island	29.6%
40	Hawaii	29.2%
41	Pennsylvania	28.9%
42	North Dakota	28.9%
43	New Hampshire	28.0%
44	Mississippi	27.9%
45	Massachusetts	27.7%
46	Michigan	27.5%
47	New Jersey	26.9%
48	Illinois	23.8%
49	Kentucky	23.4%
50	Connecticut	22.8%

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2016 TOTAL UNFUNDED LIABILITIES OF PUBLIC PENSION PLANS



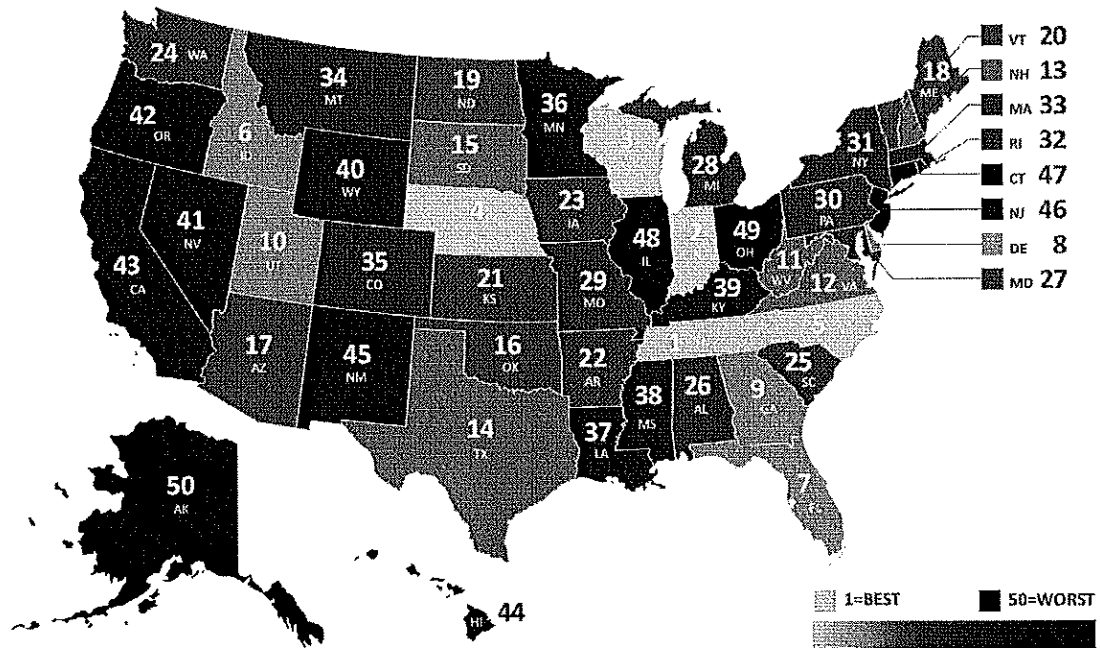
RANK	STATE	UNFUNDED LIABILITIES
1	Vermont	\$8,707,979,583
2	North Dakota	\$10,213,597,800
3	Delaware	\$11,262,866,330
4	South Dakota	\$11,286,522,172
5	Wyoming	\$13,642,969,825
6	Idaho	\$16,572,789,476
7	New Hampshire	\$17,320,649,176
8	Nebraska	\$17,367,830,965
9	Maine	\$17,676,038,583
10	Rhode Island	\$18,636,960,291
11	Montana	\$19,496,700,717
12	West Virginia	\$23,640,020,456
13	Alaska	\$31,715,653,280
14	Hawaii	\$35,136,593,006
15	Utah	\$37,987,328,775
16	Kansas	\$40,737,986,356
17	Arkansas	\$43,976,220,971
18	Iowa	\$46,424,775,242
19	Tennessee	\$47,826,122,962
20	Oklahoma	\$51,903,613,095
21	Wisconsin	\$52,842,437,646
22	New Mexico	\$54,455,339,568
23	Indiana	\$56,748,217,042
24	Mississippi	\$64,300,123,348
25	Nevada	\$69,697,815,811

RANK	STATE	UNFUNDED LIABILITIES
26	South Carolina	\$74,095,092,870
27	Alabama	\$74,957,966,779
28	Arizona	\$90,710,340,087
29	Maryland	\$93,343,409,896
30	Louisiana	\$94,320,807,435
31	Kentucky	\$95,946,947,928
32	North Carolina	\$96,402,637,555
33	Oregon	\$97,781,712,858
34	Connecticut	\$99,299,024,840
35	Missouri	\$99,369,429,995
36	Colorado	\$106,382,900,927
37	Virginia	\$107,648,590,922
38	Washington	\$107,740,838,715
39	Minnesota	\$110,474,025,601
40	Georgia	\$122,645,214,077
41	Massachusetts	\$126,677,266,263
42	Michigan	\$156,941,092,013
43	Florida	\$210,153,896,482
44	Pennsylvania	\$211,586,194,586
45	New Jersey	\$235,489,469,324
46	Ohio	\$331,420,701,160
47	New York	\$347,542,971,698
48	Texas	\$360,396,676,526
49	Illinois	\$362,646,966,724
50	California	\$956,081,787,553

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2016 UNFUNDED LIABILITIES PER CAPITA OF PUBLIC PENSION PLANS



RANK	STATE	UNFUNDED LIABILITIES PER CAPITA
1	Tennessee	\$7,246
2	Indiana	\$8,573
3	Wisconsin	\$9,156
4	Nebraska	\$9,159
5	North Carolina	\$9,599
6	Idaho	\$10,014
7	Florida	\$10,367
8	Delaware	\$11,907
9	Georgia	\$12,007
10	Utah	\$12,680
11	West Virginia	\$12,819
12	Virginia	\$12,841
13	New Hampshire	\$13,017
14	Texas	\$13,120
15	South Dakota	\$13,147
16	Oklahoma	\$13,270
17	Arizona	\$13,285
18	Maine	\$13,297
19	North Dakota	\$13,494
20	Vermont	\$13,910
21	Kansas	\$13,991
22	Arkansas	\$14,766
23	Iowa	\$14,851
24	Washington	\$15,026
25	South Carolina	\$15,133

RANK	STATE	UNFUNDED LIABILITIES PER CAPITA
26	Alabama	\$15,427
27	Maryland	\$15,541
28	Michigan	\$15,817
29	Missouri	\$16,334
30	Pennsylvania	\$16,527
31	New York	\$17,556
32	Rhode Island	\$17,644
33	Massachusetts	\$18,644
34	Montana	\$18,875
35	Colorado	\$19,496
36	Minnesota	\$20,124
37	Louisiana	\$20,194
38	Mississippi	\$21,488
39	Kentucky	\$21,682
40	Wyoming	\$23,277
41	Nevada	\$24,110
42	Oregon	\$24,270
43	California	\$24,424
44	Hawaii	\$24,544
45	New Mexico	\$26,116
46	New Jersey	\$26,288
47	Connecticut	\$27,653
48	Illinois	\$28,200
49	Ohio	\$28,538
50	Alaska	\$42,950

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Measuring Pension Liabilities

Recent studies¹ and newspaper articles² have reported different liability figures for Ohio's pension funds than those reported in the funds' CAFRs or by ORSC staff. Why is there a difference?

Discount Rate

When reporting unfunded future benefit liabilities, pension funds measure those liabilities using a "discount rate" that is based on assumed investment returns of fund assets. The idea is that the present value of those future benefit obligations is less in today's dollars due to anticipated investment returns that will be made prior to those obligations coming due. The variance in reported liability amounts happens because of differences and disagreements on the appropriate discount rate.

For example, say I have an obligation due in one year for \$1.08. Assuming I can earn 8% in one year, the amount I need saved today to pay that expense in one year is \$1.00. My discount rate is 8%. But if my discount rate were only 2%, I would need almost \$1.06 today to pay the same obligation in one year. The higher your discount rate the less money (less liability) you need in the present to pay for some future obligation. The lower your discount rate, the more money you need in the present to pay for the same obligation. When we consider the power of compound interest, even small variations in a discount rate can generate very different liability figures. The chart below demonstrates the various liabilities today for a payment in 15 years modified by discount rates.

Liability Today	Discount Rate	Payment in 15 Years
\$555	4%	\$1000
\$481	5%	
\$417	6%	
\$362	7%	
\$315	8%	

This is where pension liability amounts diverge and why the amounts differ so dramatically. The Ohio systems have discount rates based on assumed rates of investment return ranging from 7.5%-8.25%. Based on these discount rates, the combined unfunded liabilities of the systems is roughly \$56 billion as of the most recent reporting period (2015). But, there are some that believe the systems should use a "no risk" discount rate pegged in some way to treasury securities. If you were to take the cur-

rent 30-year treasury rate of roughly 2.5% and require the systems to use it as a discount rate, the systems would have much greater liabilities. Using this type of analysis would, according to a recent Mercatus Center study, result in unfunded liabilities of \$262 billion for 2016.³

Mathematically, both can be accurate. ORSC staff uses the assumed rate of return discount rate as this rate provides more pertinent information related to the cost of the benefit and the plan for funding those benefits. The following sections discuss why this is the case.

The Argument for Assumed Rate of Return: What will this actually cost me?

The *assumed rate of return* method discounts future liabilities based on expected investment returns. As mentioned earlier, for Ohio this ranges from 7.5%-8.25% which results in a substantial reduction in

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liabilities. However, if appropriately set, the assumed rate of return model seeks to reflect the closest *actual cost* in today's dollars of future pension benefits. The vast majority of liabilities are paid through investment income (up to 70%) rather than contributions from employers and employees. Therefore, it is highly likely that investment returns will constitute the majority of assets used to pay future benefit obligations. To not appropriately include this actual reduction in the cost of future benefits would be asking for more funds from today's employees and employers than are actually needed to pay that benefit.

The key in the above paragraph is "if appropriately set." An unrealistic assumed rate of return would artificially and temporarily reduce the cost of future benefits and would require increased contributions, or decreased benefits, in the future, and it would not have properly answered the question of "What will this cost me?" One way to mediate this problem is by frequently reviewing economic forecasts and past returns to create an appropriate rate. Ohio's systems do this through a statutory requirement to review all assumptions, including investment return assumptions, on a 5-year basis.⁴ Additionally, each retirement system conducts an independent actuarial valuation attesting to the funding status of the system annually, as required by law.

The Argument for "No-risk" Rates: What is the market value of this benefit?

The *market value of liabilities* (MVL) approach uses rates that are much closer to risk free securities. This approach is not interested in the funding of benefits but is instead concerned with a theoretical market price of the plan's obligations which is itself a function of the riskiness of non-payment. Conceptually, this is a more difficult method to express than the assumed rate of return method but is grounded in finance and economics.

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Pension benefits aren't traded on the open market, so how do we give them a market price? A fundamental aspect of finance is that the value of future cash flows must be valued at the riskiness of the payments. The premise of the MVL approach is that pension benefits are "bond-like" in that they are promises to make specific payments at a future date. Because benefits are almost sure to be paid, whatever the open market pays for a risk free security, such as treasury bonds, should be used in valuing the present day value of the benefit. That is, the discount rate should match the current rates for risk free securities on the open market.⁵

According to MVL proponents, liabilities of a plan are *completely independent of asset allocation and market returns*. The MVL approach is less concerned with *funding* but instead is focused on the market value of benefits *today* irrespective of theoretical market returns. Valuing a plan's liabilities based on hypothetical future investment returns is completely illogical from the MVL point of view—taking investment risk does not raise or lower today's liabilities.⁶ To MVL proponents, pension funds are mispricing their benefits to outside parties; the market would price pension benefits much differently than those benefits are reported by pension funds. The asymmetrical pricing between what the market would price pension benefits and how pension funds price them is illogical from a finance point of view.

The MVL method could, therefore, be used by a potential creditor of the fund to gain a market-consistent measurement of obligations.

Some MVL proponents admit that, though grounded in rules of modern finance and economics, this method is a more theoretical valuing of liability based on "what ifs."⁷ "What if" the pension fund terminated? What is the settlement value on termination? "What if" all participants went to the market and asked it to replicate their accrued pension benefits by purchasing fixed-income securities that would provide the same stream of income? Nevertheless, they suggest that they are pricing the liabilities as they would price *any other liability* that was on the open market.

Very Different Questions

The spirited debate between these positions was so great that the United States Government Accountability Office stepped in to issue their own report based on various expert opinions.⁸ That report didn't endorse either position but simply noted that each method was addressing a different question. "What will this cost me today?" and "What is the market value of this future benefit?" are not the same question. One is a question of cost while the other might be considered an expression of lender risk.

If you want to know how much a benefit in the future will cost you today, the assumed rate of return will provide the best estimate and give you the best guidance on necessary steps to realize that cost estimate. On the other hand, if you want a measurement of liabilities that is consistent with market prices, the MVL is superior. A pension fund and its oversight body would be more interested in understanding required costs for budgeting purposes, while a potential lender to the pension fund sponsor would be more interested in the consistent market measurement of those liabilities.

While the MVL approach can provide supplementary information, such as evaluating potential risk (i.e., liabilities if the plans do not meet their assumed rate of return), estimating a market value of future cash flows is not at all the same as estimating the future costs of paying for them. A retirement plan isn't terminating. It's not settling its account on the open market. Pension benefits aren't a bank loan

and they aren't a bond. An outside creditor may find value in a discount rate that is consistent with other lending measurements, but those measurements have almost no importance to whomever is funding the plan. Pension plans invest funds to pay benefits; ignoring this is to ignore the entire point of a pension plan: *to provide a cost-effective means of delivering retirement benefits over and above what employees would receive in the market if they invested in no risk securities.*

Practical Consequences of Each Method

There are potential problems with each approach. Pension funds may appear far more well-funded using the assumed rate of return method, encouraging either contribution rate holidays or enhanced benefits. This actually happened in Ohio. Before the market downturn after September 11, 2001, Ohio's systems were close to being 100% funded. As a result, an increase in the COLA from CPI to a flat 3% was supported.⁹ But 100% does not mean the fund could pay all future benefits today. 100% means 100%

"100% means 100% funded in today's dollars, if all assumptions are met."

funded in today's dollars, if all assumptions are met. After the market downturn, the pension funds found themselves with a liability that was paid for in nonexistent future dollars. The "surplus" being used for a benefit expansion had never existed.

Another consequence of the assumed rate of return method is an almost perverse incentive to take on risk. This is the exact opposite approach you want when your goal is to guarantee an eventual benefit payment. A higher assumed rate of return reduces present day liabilities, and therefore, present day costs. This reduction in present day costs encouraged pension funds across the country in the 2000s to increase their assumed rate of returns and also the funding risk of not making those returns.¹⁰ But this risk is not shared equally across generations. Should the systems not make their return, they will effectively have shifted costs from the current generation to future generations. Even worse, if this increased risk results in some tail-end negative result (i.e., the 2008 financial crisis), it would partially defund the system of assets. The assumed rate of return can, therefore, encourage risk while at the same time masking that risk.

But the MVL approach likewise has problems. Primary among them is budgeting. The MVL is not focused on how you fund a plan and, therefore, provides no assistance in determining an accurate contribution to a plan. If the systems did in fact purchase a risk free security, such as a 30-year treasury bond, it would be logical to use some blended 30-year return on those bonds in determining the discount rate and necessary present day costs to employees and employers. But since the systems do not do so, using that rate to determine present day costs would not provide an accurate cost figure. Indeed, a modest change in treasury rates could dramatically alter the MVL method liability figure without any real relationship to the funding strategies of the pension funds. This would result in extreme year-by-year budgeting swings in contribution rates from employees and employers.

There is also a very practical problem for the MVL approach that is unique to Ohio. The MVL assumption, that the payments are virtually guaranteed, is simply incorrect in the case of Ohio's systems. The evidence for this claim is quite simple. In 2011, billions of dollars of liability for the systems disappeared through plan design changes in S.B. 340, 341, 342, 343, and 345. Until pension benefits are granted, they can change in Ohio. For Ohio, then, future liabilities are not "fixed." Were

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Ohio to use the MVL method, the market would have to determine a rate greater than a risk free rate. It would be difficult to find a comparable product on the open market. What is a comparable security that has guaranteed payments except that those payments will change as necessary?

ORSC Staff Perspective

Measurement of liabilities is an issue of fraught debate.¹¹ The Actuarial Standards Board has not indicated a preference for either method, instead noting that different parties may have different measurement purposes.¹²

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¹ Mercatus Center, George Mason University, "Ranking the States by Fiscal Condition, 2016 Edition" (June 2016), available online at http://mercatus.org/sites/default/files/Norcross-Fiscal-Rankings-2-v3_1.pdf

² <http://www.portclintonnewsherald.com/story/opinion/2016/08/23/column-ops-hedge-funds-grew-zero-billion-years/89209448/>

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⁴ R.C. 145.22, 742.14, 3307.51, 3309.21, and 5505.12.

⁵ A much more detailed finance perspective of the MVL approach is available through a draft paper coauthored by the American Association of Actuaries and Society of Actuaries. The Joint AAA/SOA Pension Finance Task Force, "Financial Economics Principles Applied to Public Pension Plans (Draft paper, 2016), 11. (Author's note: Joint Task

Force was disbanded in August 2016).

⁶ Donald J. Boyd and Peter J. Kiernan, "The Blinken Report: Strengthening the Security of Public Sector Defined Benefit Plans" (The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, 2014), 3. Available online at http://www.rockinst.org/pdf/government_finance/2014-01-Blinken_Report_One.pdf

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⁸ GAO, Pension Plan Valuation: Views on Using Multiple Measures to Offer a More Complete Picture (September 2014). Available online at <http://www.gao.gov/assets/670/666287.pdf>

⁹ H.B. 157 of the 124th General Assembly.

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¹² Actuarial Standards Board, "Actuarial Standards of Practice No. 27" (Revised 2013), 10. Available online at http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/asop027_172.pdf
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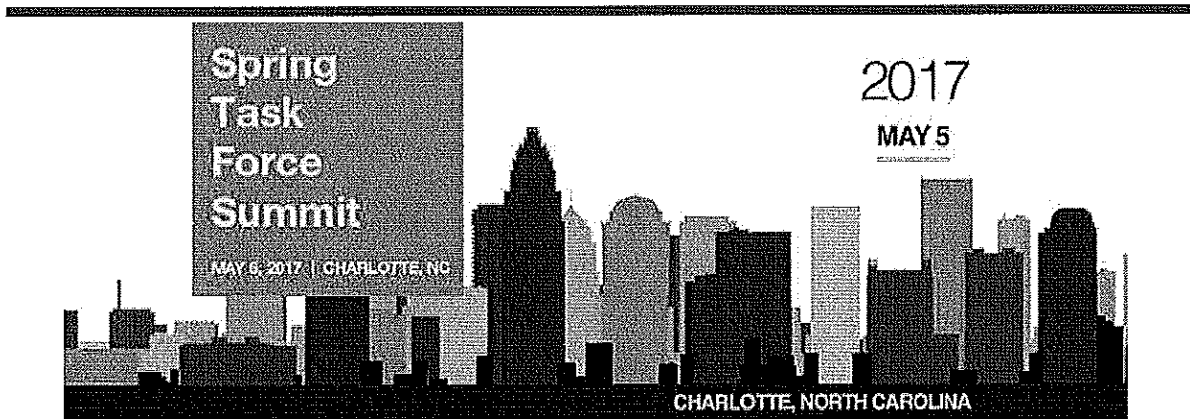
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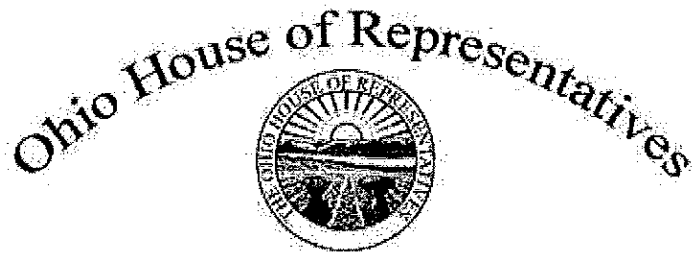
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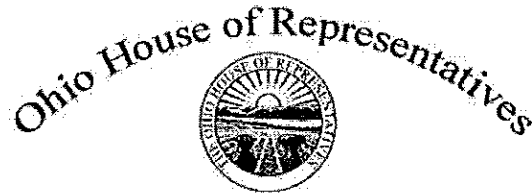
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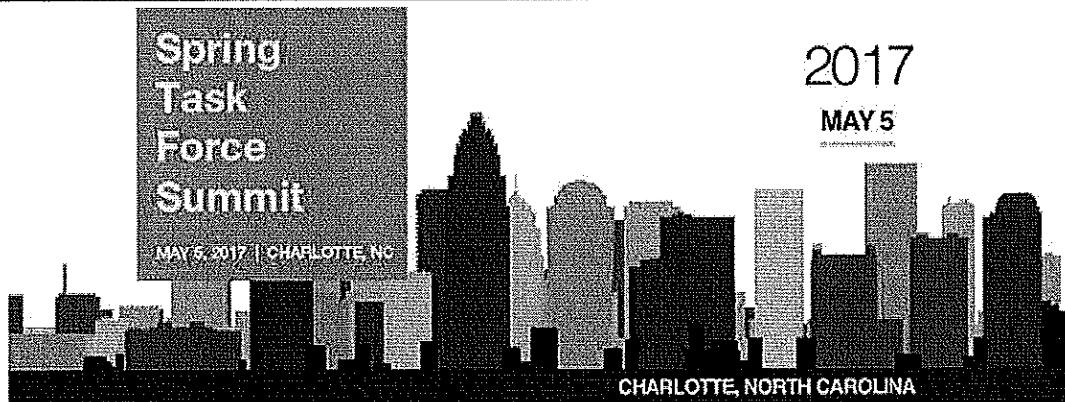
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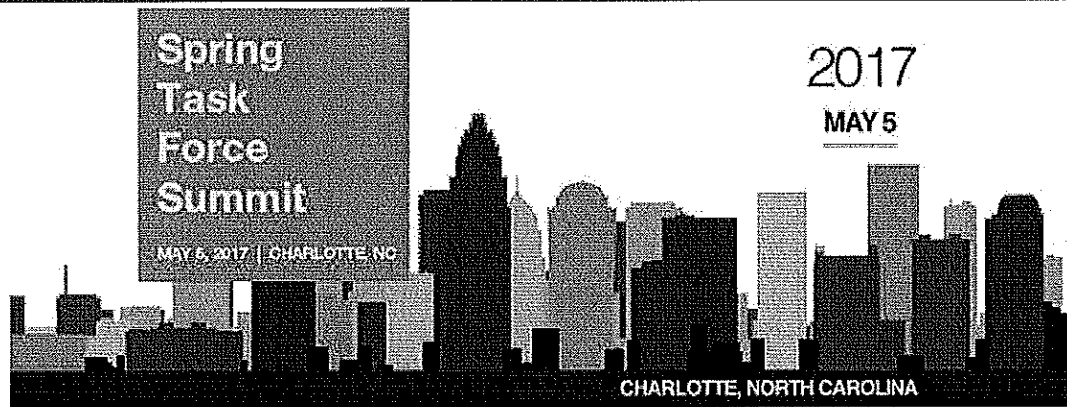
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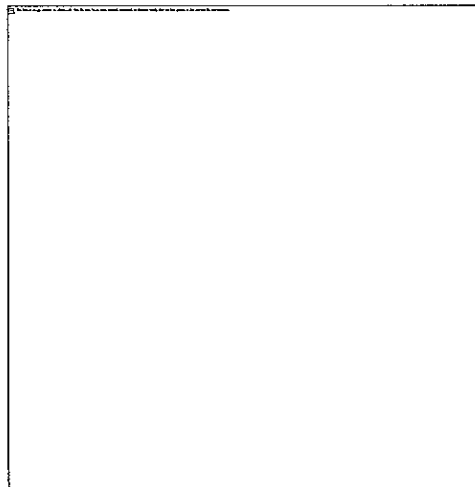
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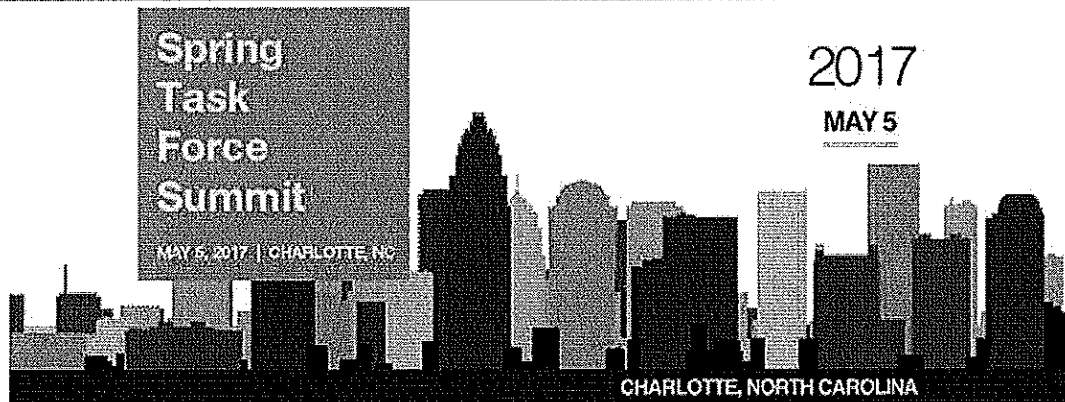
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Just signed SOTH up for this. You can sign Schuring up using the link below. I signed SOTH up for Communications and Technology task force (I entered it for all 3 options). I am going to make SOTH's hotel reservation now too. Please let me know if you need any help getting the boss man signed up.

<https://www.alec.org/meeting/2017-spring-task-force-summit-charlotte-north-carolina/>

Tyler Yaple

Tyler Yaple
Special Assistant to Speaker Clifford A. Rosenberger
Ohio House of Representatives
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From: Rep91
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:21 AM
To: Yaple, Tyler <Tyler.Yaple@ohiohouse.gov>; Sarko, Alyssa

<Alyssa.Sarko@ohiohouse.gov>

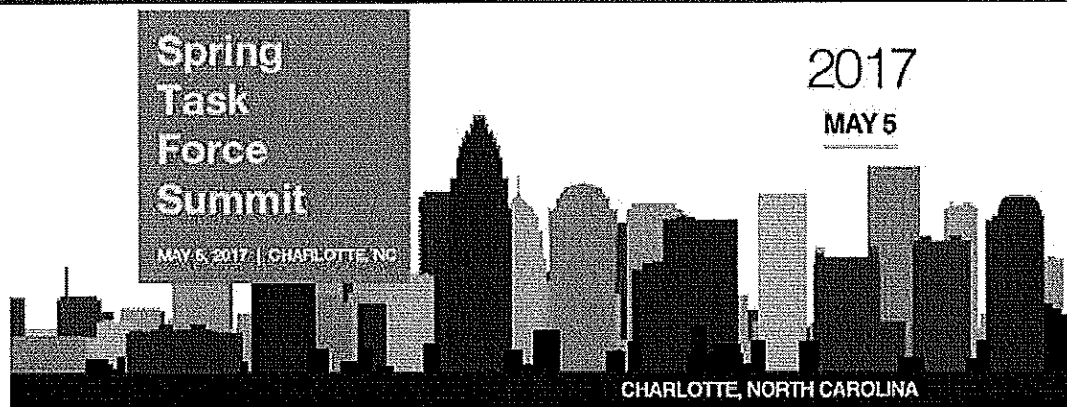
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From: Mason Hunt [mailto:mhunt@alec.org]

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:20 AM

To: Rep91 <Rep91@ohiohouse.gov>

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Dear Cliff:

Your registration has been confirmed. Thank you for registering to attend the ALEC 2017 Spring Task Force Meeting. Please save this email for future reference.

Still need to make your hotel reservation? [Make your reservation now.](#)

Special events happening at our Spring Task Force Summit:

Center for Innovation and Technology Reception

Thursday, May 4 - 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

ALEC CARE Training for Legislative Members

Thursday, Friday and Saturday (See [agenda](#) for times)

Learn more about [ALEC CARE](#) - RSVP to [Ashley Varner](#)

Workshop: "Delivering the Tech Future: How Wired Networks Power an Unwired World"

Friday, May 5 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Event: 2017 Spring Task Force Summit

Attending: Cliff Rosenberger
Number in Party: 1
Time: 8:00 AM
Date: Friday, May 5, 2017
Location: The Westin Charlotte
Address: 601 S College St, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, USA
Confirmation Number: Z6NGMG7BGXH
Registration Type: Legislative Member
Current Registration:

Registration Information:		
Registration Items		
Cliff Rosenberger	Event Registration	
Sessions		
Cliff Rosenberger	ALEC CARE Training	04-May-2017 1:00 PM
Cliff Rosenberger	Center for Innovation and Technology Reception	04-May-2017 4:30 PM
Cliff Rosenberger	Communications and Technology Subcommittee	05-May-2017 8:00 AM
Cliff Rosenberger	ALEC CARE Training	05-May-2017 9:00 AM
Cliff Rosenberger	Lunch - Communications and Technology	05-May-2017 12:30 PM
	Please indicate any dietary restrictions you may have. All beef well done, no seafood	
Cliff Rosenberger	Communications and Technology Task Force	05-May-2017 2:00 PM
Cliff Rosenberger	North Carolina Welcome Reception	05-May-2017 5:00 PM
Cliff Rosenberger	ALEC CARE Training	06-May-2017 9:00 AM
Additional Information		

Cliff	Is this your first time attending an ALEC event?
Rosenberger	No
	Would you like to receive SMS Push Notifications?
	Yes
	Please indicate the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Task Force you would like to serve on at the 2017 Spring Task Force Summit.
	1st Choice: Communications and Technology, 2nd Choice: Communications and Technology, 3rd Choice: Communications and Technology
	Name of Person to Contact
	Tyler Yapple
	Phone
	614-309-2453
	Relationship to You
	Staff



[Click here to view the event summary](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Mason Hunt
Events Coordinator
mhunt@alec.org



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From: Yapple, Tyler
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Zielinski, Justin
Subject: Fwd: Membership & Spring Meeting

Laurel can help make sure Rep. Schuring is good with his membership dues

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laurel Buckley <lbuckley@alec.org>
Date: April 12, 2017 at 4:20:34 PM EDT
To: "Tyler.Yapple@ohiohouse.gov" <Tyler.Yapple@ohiohouse.gov>
Cc: "Nicholas.Stallard@ohiohouse.gov" <Nicholas.Stallard@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: RE: Membership & Spring Meeting

Thanks for asking. No, he is not a current member. Do you know if he did it online or send it in the mail? If it's the mail, it's possible we didn't get it yet.

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From: Tyler.Yapple@ohiohouse.gov [<mailto:Tyler.Yapple@ohiohouse.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Laurel Buckley
Cc: Nicholas.Stallard@ohiohouse.gov
Subject: RE: Membership & Spring Meeting

Awesome, thanks for this. I spoke with Rep. Kirk Schuring's office and they were under the impression that he had applied for membership. Can you confirm you haven't received anything from him? Thanks!

From: Laurel Buckley [<mailto:lbuckley@alec.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Yapple, Tyler <Tyler.Yapple@ohiohouse.gov>
Cc: Stallard, Nicholas <Nicholas.Stallard@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: RE: Membership & Spring Meeting

Here are the members registered in Ohio:

Senator	William	Coley
Representative	Ron	Hood
Senator	Matt	Huffman
Representative	Wes	Retherford
Speaker	Cliff	Rosenberger
Representative	Bill	Seitz
Senator	Louis	Terhar
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Thanks so much! The STFS roster would be much appreciated!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Laurel Buckley <lbuckley@alec.org> wrote:

Yes, thank you for your help in building ALEC membership.
For your reference, I'm attaching the current ALEC
membership roster in Ohio. I highlighted in yellow those
who are expired and need to renew. Let me know if you
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Would you also like the attendee roster for STFS?

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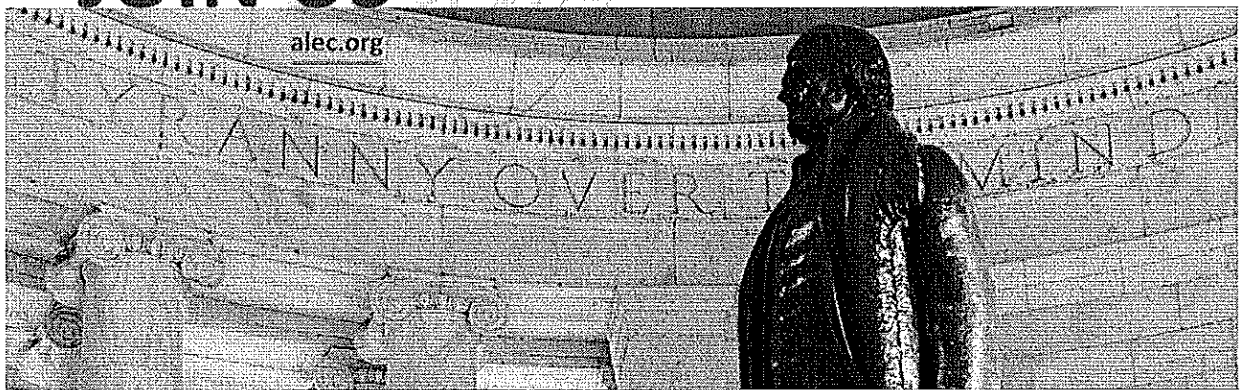
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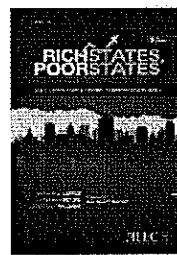
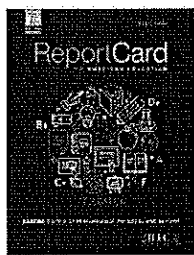
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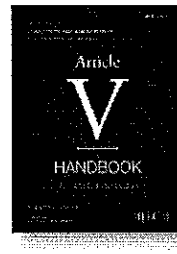
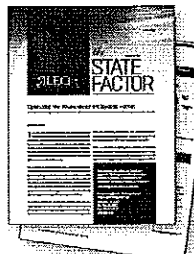
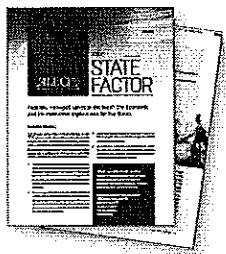
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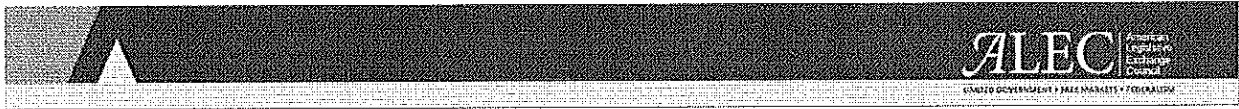


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From:
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To: Yapple, Tyler
Subject: jks

Registered to event.... Not to ALEC BUT

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Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:09 AM

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From: Laurel Buckley
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Zielinski, Justin
CC: Spencer Chretien
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Great, I'm glad we're able to help.

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Yes, just spoke with Spencer.

Thank you to BOTH of you for your assistance. Rep. Schuring looks forward to being a member!

Have a great rest of the week,

Justin

From: Laurel Buckley [mailto:lbuckley@alec.org]
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Cc: Spencer Chretien <schretien@alec.org>
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Hello Justin, yes I see the attempts you made. I don't believe any of them went through, so his credit card should not be charged. Perhaps it would be easiest to call our membership manager and he can take the payment over the phone and manual process the membership. Would you have time to give Spencer Chretien, cc'ed here, a call at 571-482-5013?

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Thanks for the update, Laurel.

I went to the below site and received a message that said the card declined 4 times but then after waiting some time, it said this was a duplicate request. Just wanted to be sure:
A- that he is now a member of ALEC and B- that he does not get charged multiple times.

Thanks for your continued help.

Justin

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From: Rep30

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:26 PM

To: Rep48; Rep93; Rep71; Kasych, Shawn; Baker, Dan

CC: Zielinski, Justin; Snider, Grace; Stepp, Taylor; Hartman, Sarah

Subject: FW: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

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ALEC opposes the Rep. Antani proposal to tax hotel intermediaries, for the reasons expressed by Rep. Dever and others.

From: Ashley Varner [mailto:avarner@jeffersonian-project.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:34 PM

To: Rep30 <Rep30@ohiohouse.gov>

Subject: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

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ISSUE ALERT

April 26, 2017

To: Members of the Ohio House of Representatives
From: The Jeffersonian Project
Re: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

The operating budget currently under consideration in the Ohio General Assembly (Substitute HB 49) would levy the sales tax on travel services- defined as "acting as an agent to sell travel, tour, or accommodation services to the general public or commercial clients." As a result, sales and use taxes would be calculated based on the full price paid

by customers to the travel intermediary, i.e. including the fees charged by online travel agents.

Additional taxes make travel to Ohio more expensive, thereby harming Ohio's tourism industry and weakening the economy as a result. **The Jeffersonian Project, the 501(c)4 affiliate of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), strongly opposes this new discriminatory service tax on the Ohio travel and tourism economy.**

Intermediaries connect potential tourists with Ohio hotels, and by doing so, help generate tax revenue from these visitors through their in-state commerce. Visitors also add to the Ohio economy through purchases at local restaurants, stores, events and other in-state businesses. In a modern, digital economy, intermediaries serve as a crucial facilitator to position the state to benefit from domestic and global travelers.

Imposing new taxes in Ohio, including taxes on the state's crucial travel industry, impedes economic growth and conflicts with the ALEC Principles of Sound Taxation, which states that tax policy should be competitive, neutral and fair to all business, regardless of industry. Moreover, as ALEC model policy - the Travel Agent Tax Fairness Act - notes, online travel companies are separate entities from accommodations providers. Online travel companies do not provide lodging and amenities, but instead facilitate the purchase of that lodging.

What Ohio will lose in tax revenue from travelers who choose to stay elsewhere will likely outweigh the revenue generated by the expanded tax; such is the epitome of shortsighted tax policy. As the principle from Economics 101 suggests, when you tax something more, you get less of it. Earlier this session, lawmakers in Montana and Arkansas rejected similar taxes on travel intermediaries, understanding that applying new taxes on travel services will create a disincentive to travel to states with such taxes.

Ohio's sales tax burden is already higher than 21 other states; income earners already endure the nation's 13th highest income tax rate, state and local rates combined, on top of this. Adding to the burden will harm Ohio taxpayers.

Therefore, the Jeffersonian Project strongly encourages members in the Ohio General Assembly to avoid new taxes on the state's travel and tourism economy and instead focus on broader, fundamental reforms that improve the state's competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration.

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